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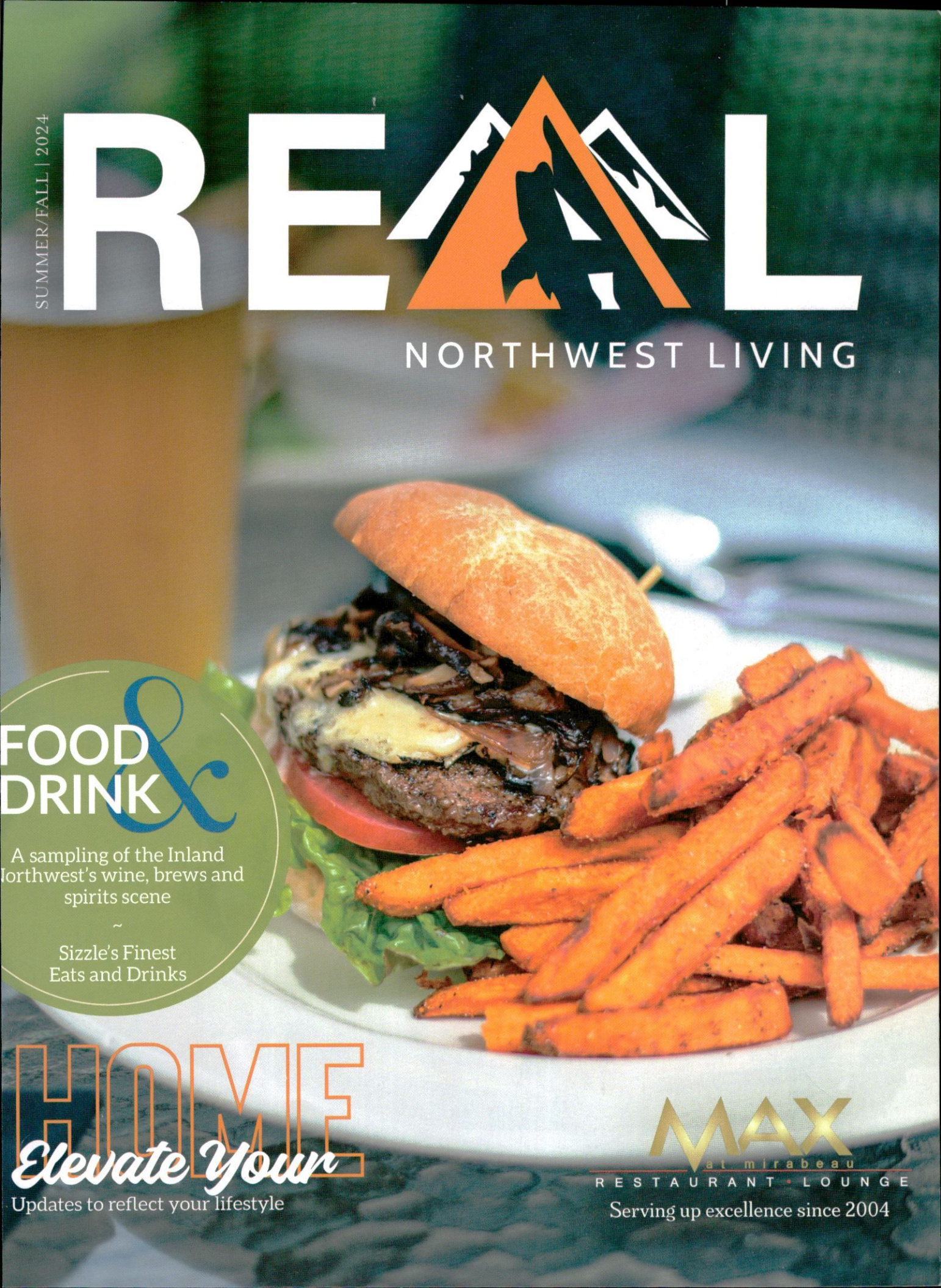

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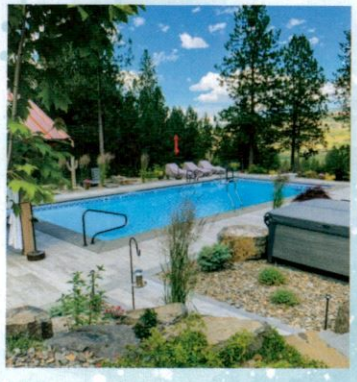

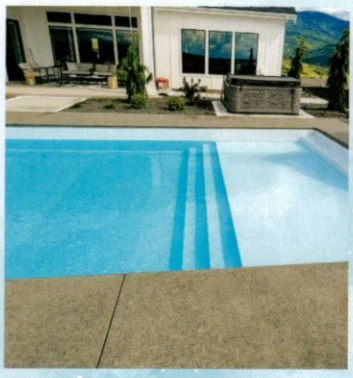
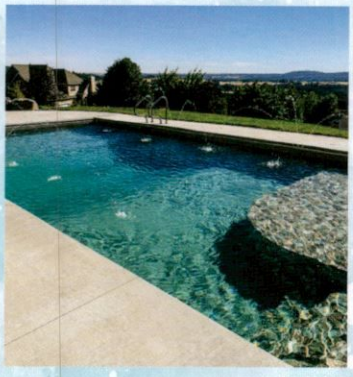

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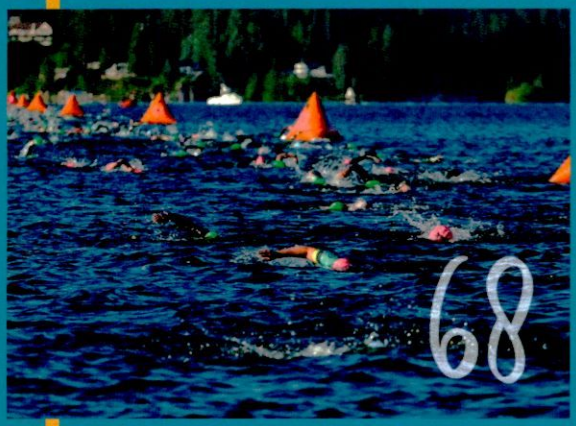

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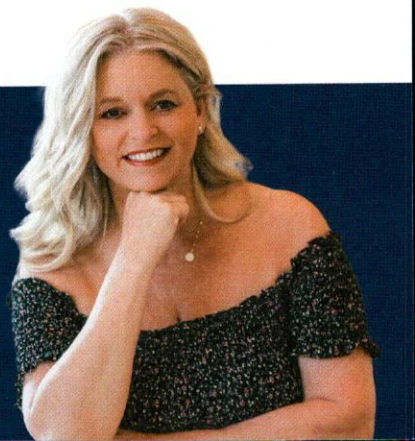

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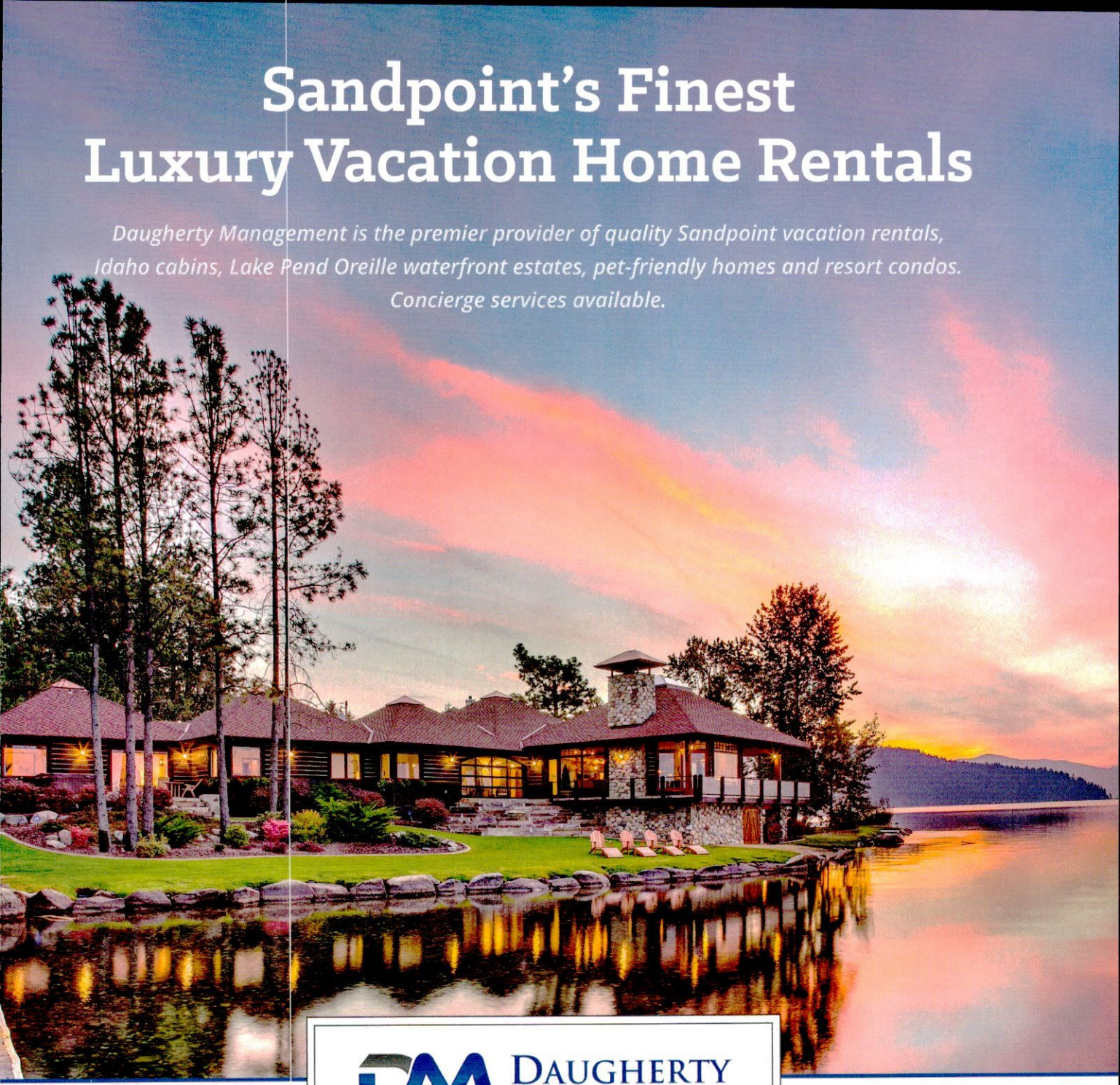

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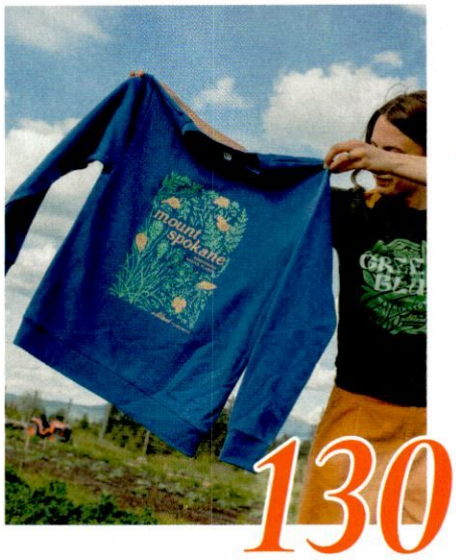

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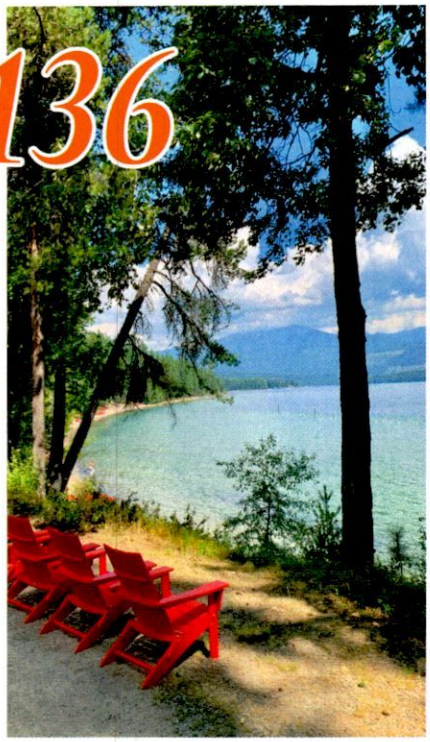

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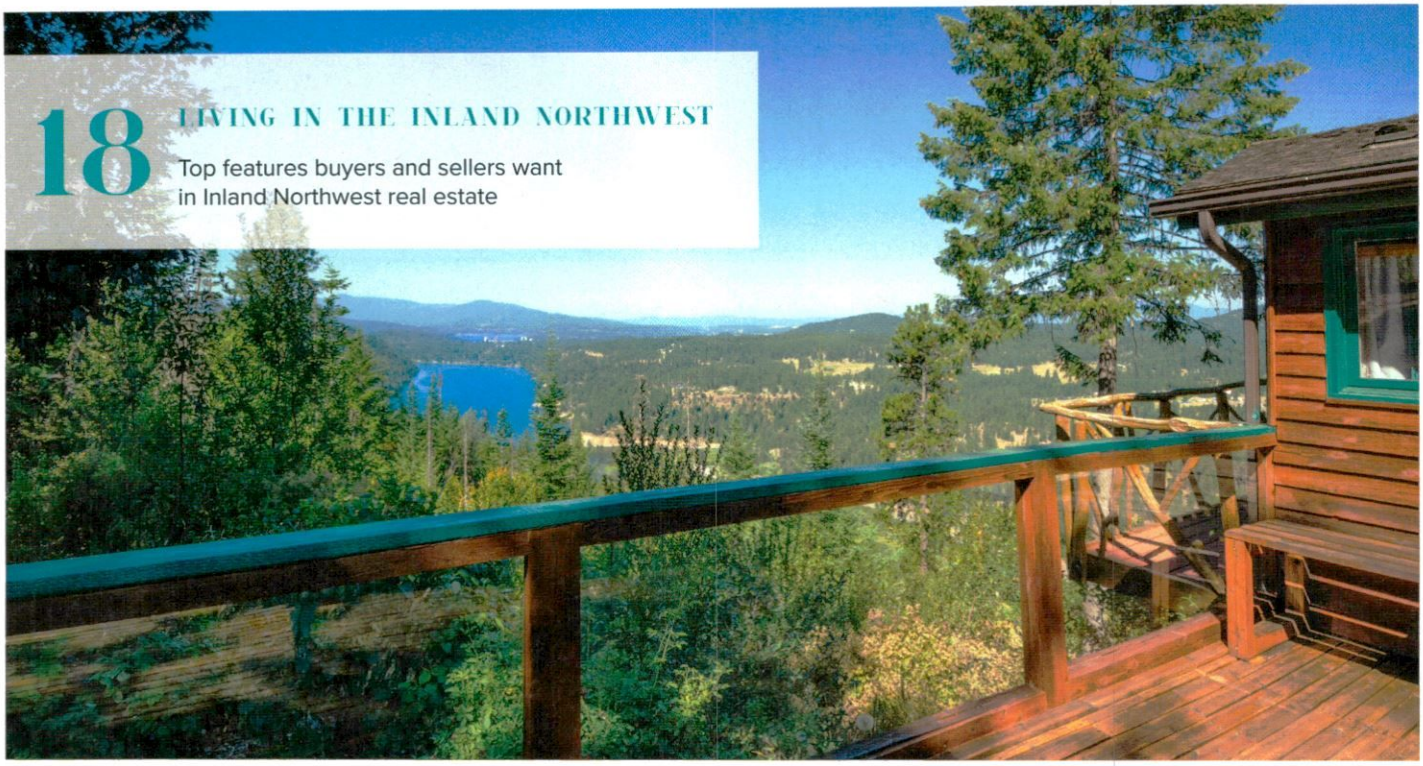

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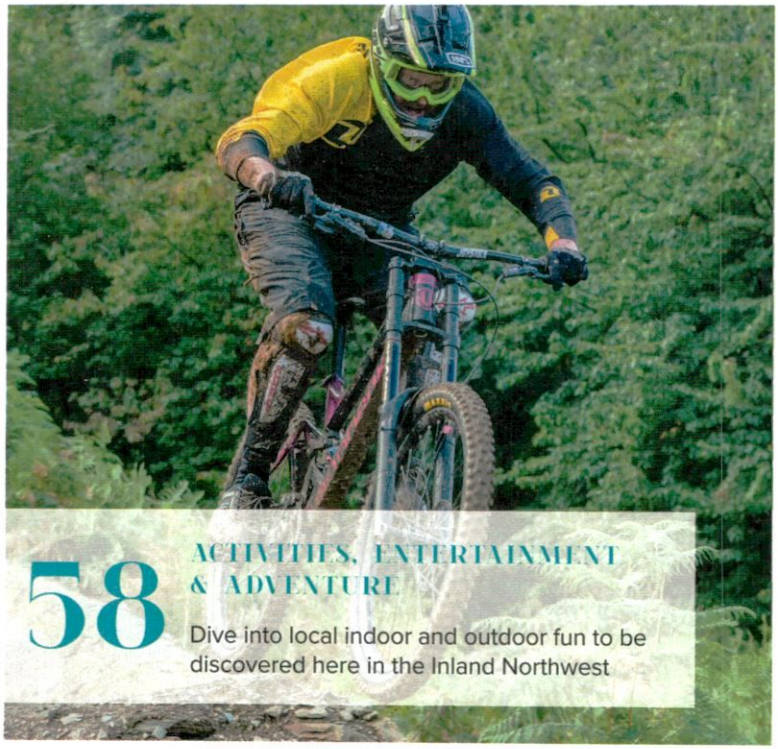

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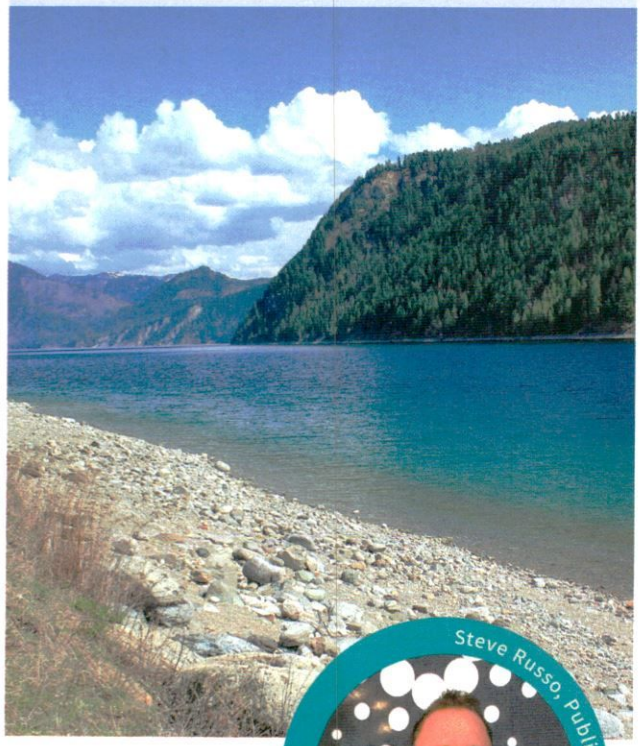

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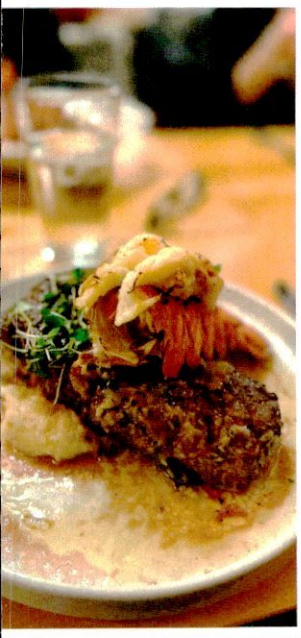

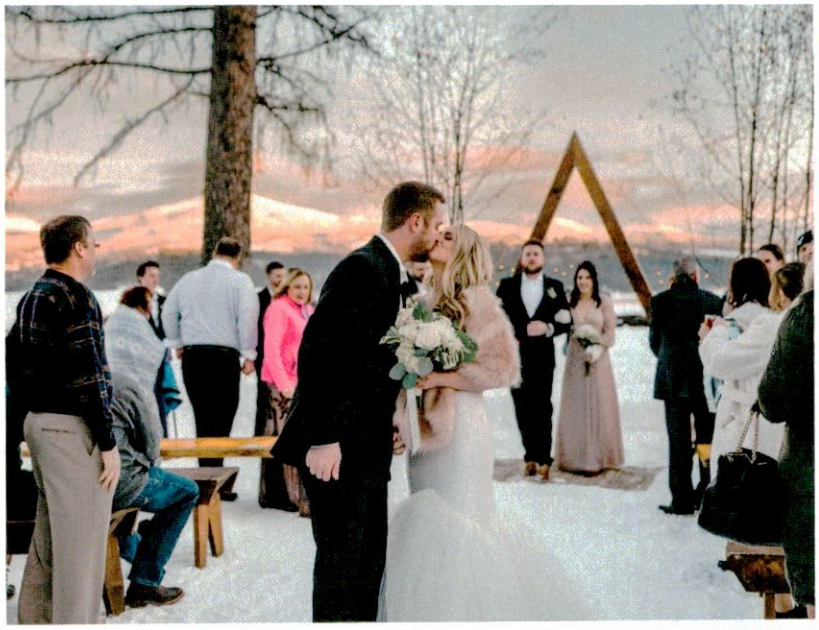

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In this season of boundless possibilities, there's a palpable sense of freedom in the air. It's a time to seize the day, to embrace the sunshine and to revel in the splendor of our surroundings. Whether it's a leisurely picnic by the river, a thrilling boat ride on the lake or an exhilarating hike along one of our many trails, there's no shortage of ways to immerse oneself in the glory of nature.

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Here in the Inland Northwest, we are truly blessed to call this place home. It's a sanctuary of serenity amidst the hustle and bustle of the world — a place where simplicity reigns supreme, and the great outdoors beckon with open arms.

In each issue of REAL Northwest Living, we endeavor to capture just a glimpse of the magnificence that surrounds us. From stories of remarkable individuals to businesses and organizations, we strive to showcase the essence of our community — the vibrant tapestry of people, places and experiences that make this region so extraordinary.

To those who have made this place their home, you already understand its allure. And to those who are visiting, we extend a warm invitation to revel in the splendor of our corner of the world — to live, work and play in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

So, as we embark on this journey together, let us celebrate the beauty that resides within and around us. Let us cherish each moment, each experience, as a testament to the remarkable place we call home.

Warm regards,

Jillian Chandler, *Editor, REAL Northwest Living*

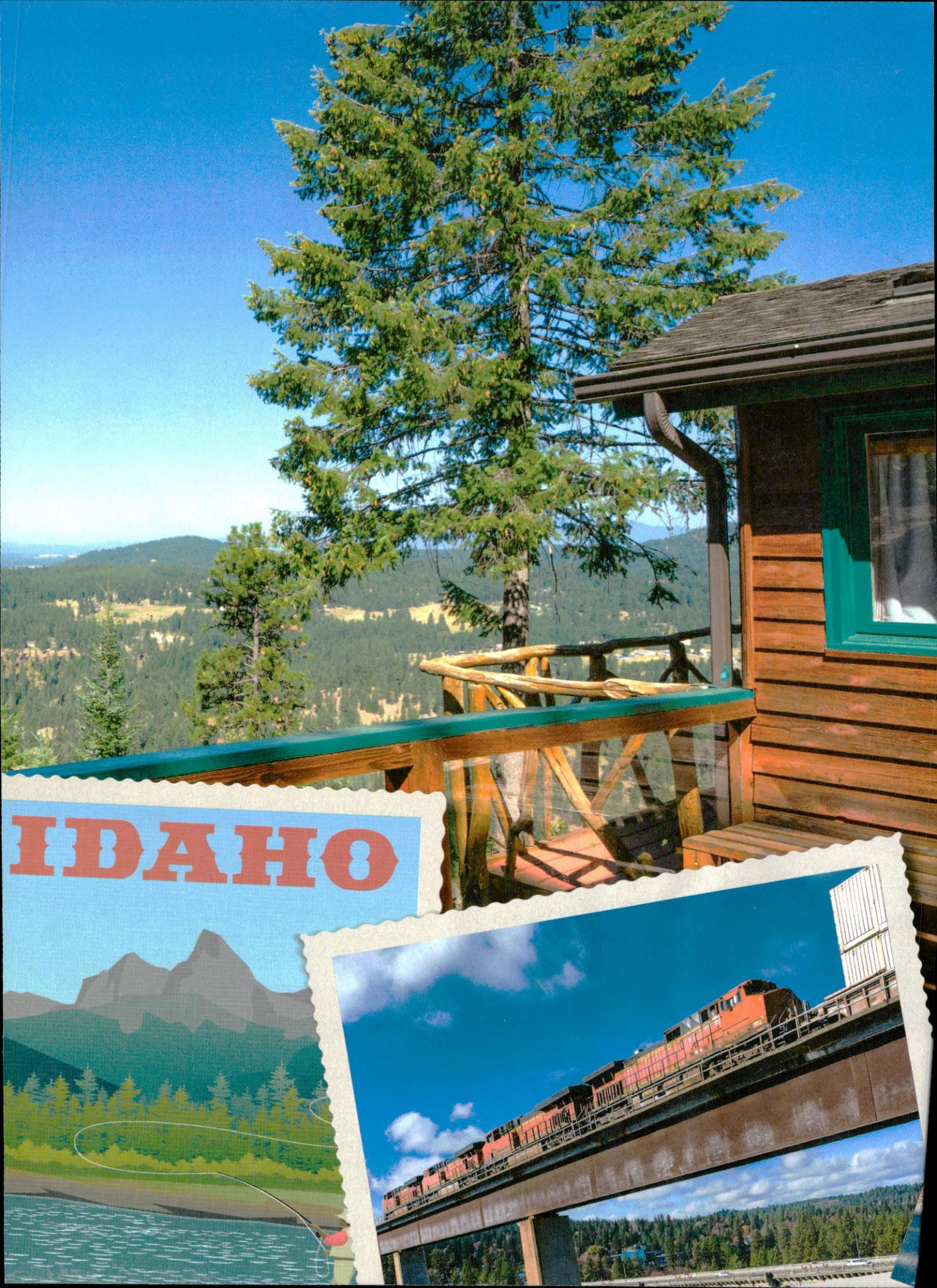
Letter From The Editor

Living in the INLAND NORTHWEST

Top features buyers and sellers want in Inland Northwest real estate

by DREW JOHNSON

Imagine you're at the helm of a ship, navigating the choppy waters of the Inland Northwest real estate market. Like a lighthouse guiding vessels to shore, certain home features beam brighter to buyers than others in this terrain. At the convergence of pragmatic desires and aspirational dreams stand the most coveted characteristics of homes in our distinctive region.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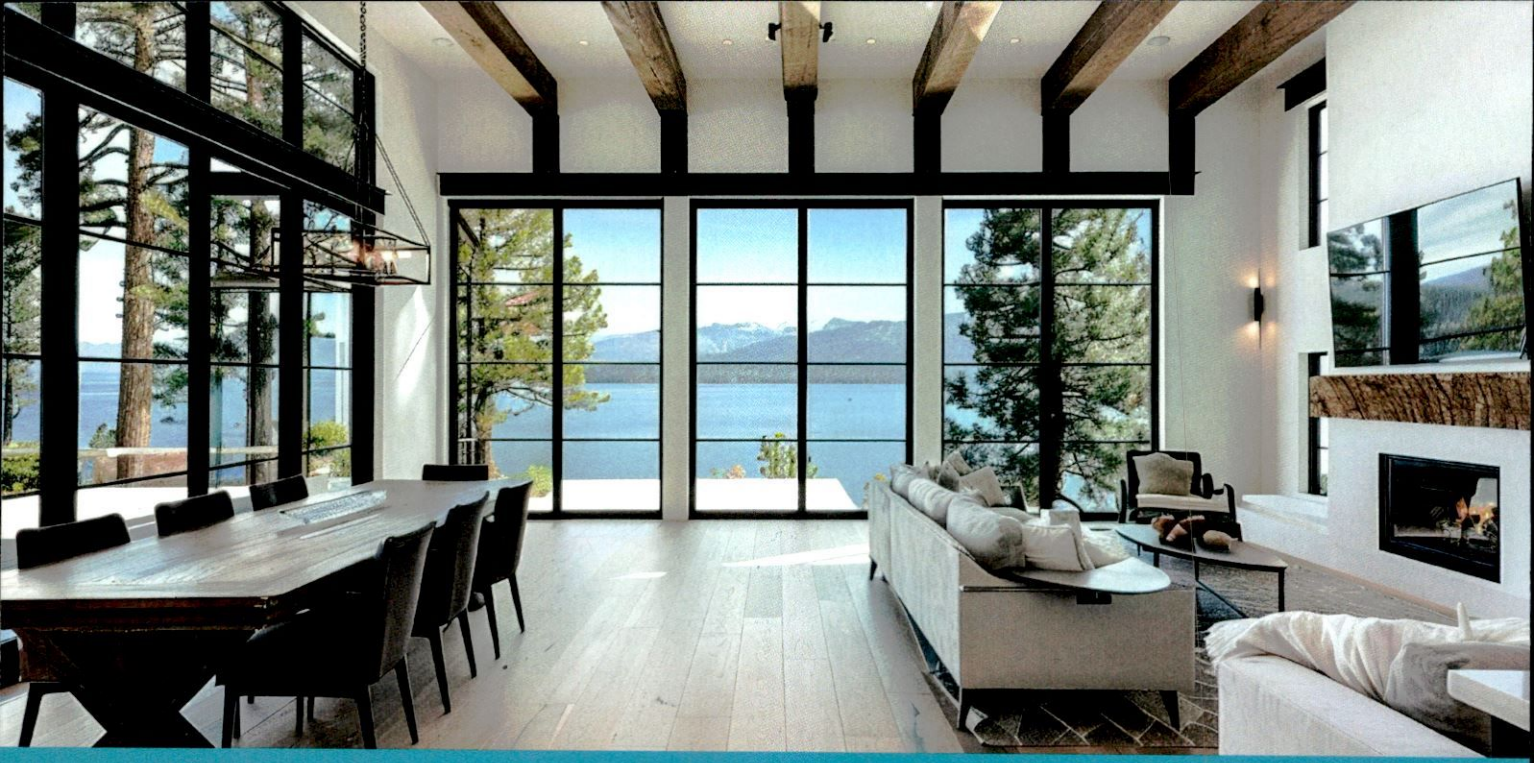
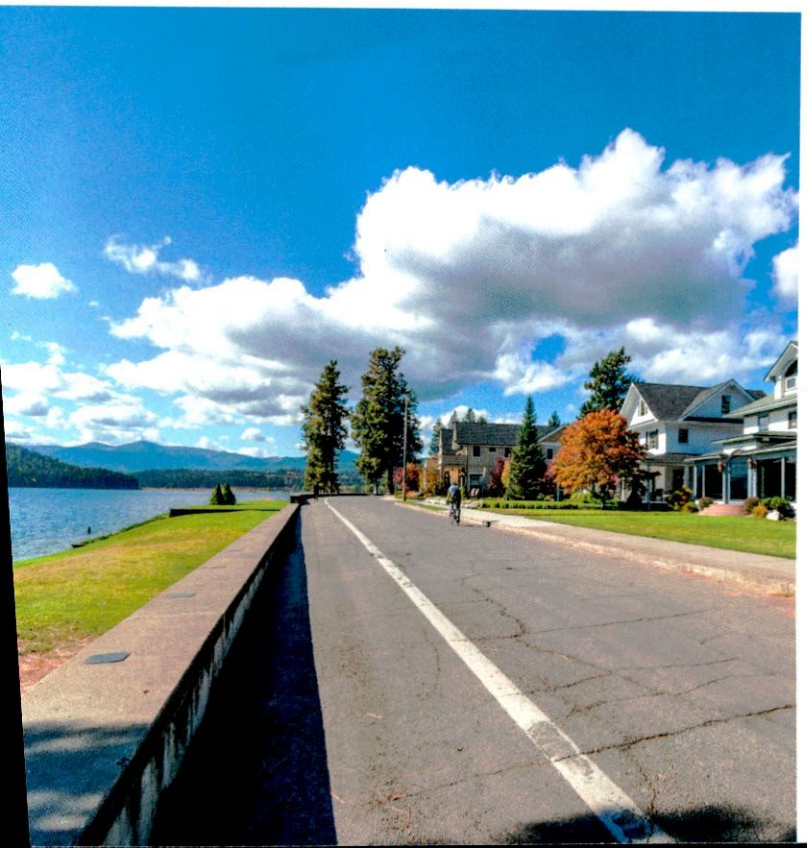


SOUGHT-AFTER HOME *Features*

In the Inland Northwest's real estate spectrum, a fusion of comfort, functionality and natural harmony is paramount for buyers. Desirable properties often integrate energy-efficient designs, smart home technology, and ample outdoor living spaces that respect and reflect the region's majestic landscapes. Additionally, spacious kitchens with modern amenities are regarded as the heart of the home, fostering both culinary creativity and warm gatherings.

Particularly in the context of the Inland Northwest's seasonal climate, buyers prioritize "four-season spaces." Homes that offer the appeal of a cozy hearth in the winter and seamless indoor-outdoor connectivity in warmer months are especially coveted. On the upper echelon, waterfront access or panoramic views of the stunning terrain further elevate a property's desirability. Sellers, aware of these preferences, are wisely investing in enhancements that mirror these sought-after attributes, increasing their prospects in a competitive market.



DESIRABLE COMMUNITY *Amenities*

In the Inland Northwest, community amenities play a central role in influencing real estate decisions. Buyers are increasingly drawn to neighborhoods that offer access to nature trails, pristine lakes and rivers, and parks, reflecting the intrinsic connection residents feel with the region's natural splendor. These amenities not only provide recreational opportunities but also foster a sense of community and well-being, which are invaluable to homeowners.

The appeal extends to community-organized events and activities that enhance the social fabric of an area. Moreover, proximate schools with commendable academic reputations and medical facilities with robust health-care services add considerable allure. It's in these thoughtfully planned communities that individuals find a sense of belonging and a higher quality of life, elements that significantly influence the decision to purchase a home.

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The Inland Northwest is home to The Route of the Hiawatha, renowened for being one of the most science rail-to-trails in the U.S. The Route of the Hiawatha was originally a railroad route completed in 1909 as part of the Milwaukee Road. This historic railroad line traverses the Bitterroot Mountains between Montana and Idaho, offering stunning views of the surrounding wilderness. What makes it particularly exciting for outdoor enthusiasts today is that it has been converted into one of the premier rail-trails in the United States. Visitors can now bike or hike along the 15-mile trail, passing through several tunnels and over towering trestle bridges, including the iconic Taft Tunnel, which stretches for nearly 1.7 miles. It's a thrilling adventure that combines history, natural beauty and outdoor recreation all in one unforgettable experience.

PROXIMITY TO *Nature*

The Inland Northwest's natural beauty holds immense appeal in the real estate market. Properties with breathtaking views of rolling hills, lush forests or serene water bodies capture attention, as the region's topography becomes a focal point of the living experience.

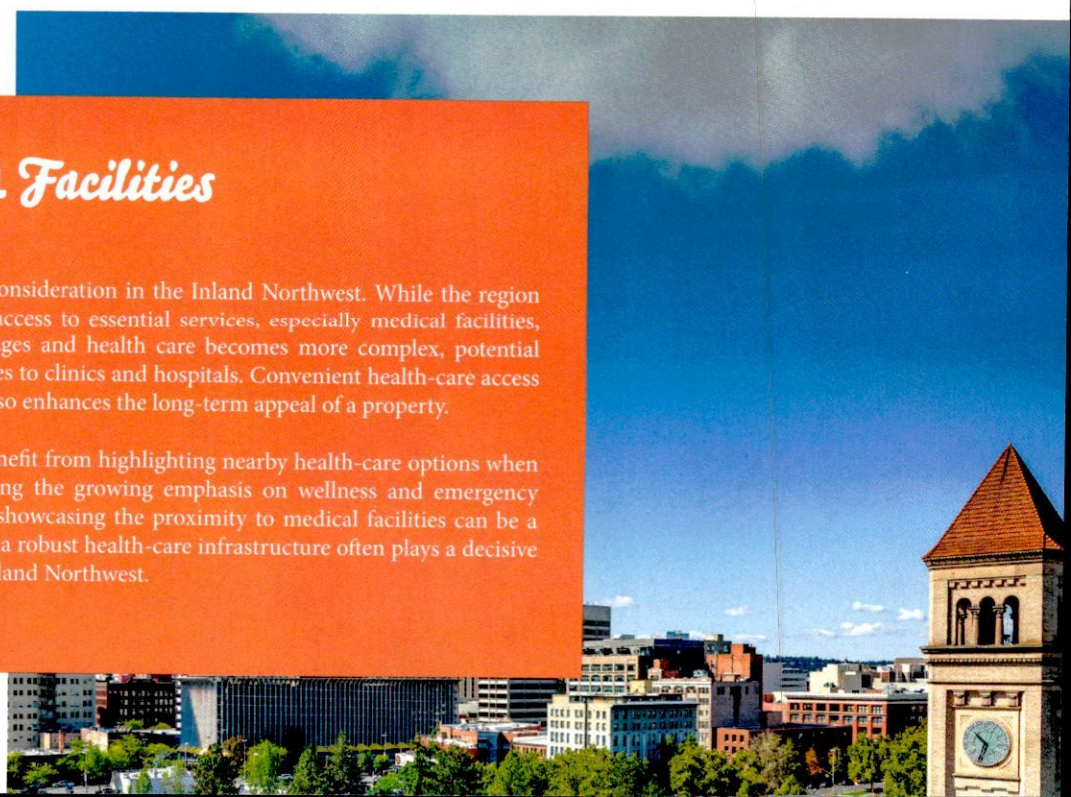
Buyers prioritize access to outdoor recreation, willingly paying premiums for homes near conservation lands or trail systems. These locations are seen as gateways to a lifestyle intertwined with nature's beauty, offering immediate opportunities for rejuvenation and adventure. The preference for nearby wilderness reflects a broader cultural embrace of environmental stewardship. Residents have a deep desire to preserve the area's pristine condition, elevating properties with green technologies or sustainable certifications to high status in the marketplace.

A home surrounded by the tranquility of nature provides a stark contrast to the hustle and bustle of urban life, offering a sanctuary where well-being takes precedence.

ACCESS TO MEDICAL *Facilities*

Proximity to health care is a crucial consideration in the Inland Northwest. While the region offers the tranquility of rural living, access to essential services, especially medical facilities, is highly valued. As the population ages and health care becomes more complex, potential homebuyers prioritize short travel times to clinics and hospitals. Convenient health-care access not only meets immediate needs but also enhances the long-term appeal of a property.

Sellers in the Inland Northwest can benefit from highlighting nearby health-care options when marketing their properties. Recognizing the growing emphasis on wellness and emergency readiness among buyers, strategically showcasing the proximity to medical facilities can be a compelling advantage. The presence of a robust health-care infrastructure often plays a decisive role in real estate transactions in the Inland Northwest.



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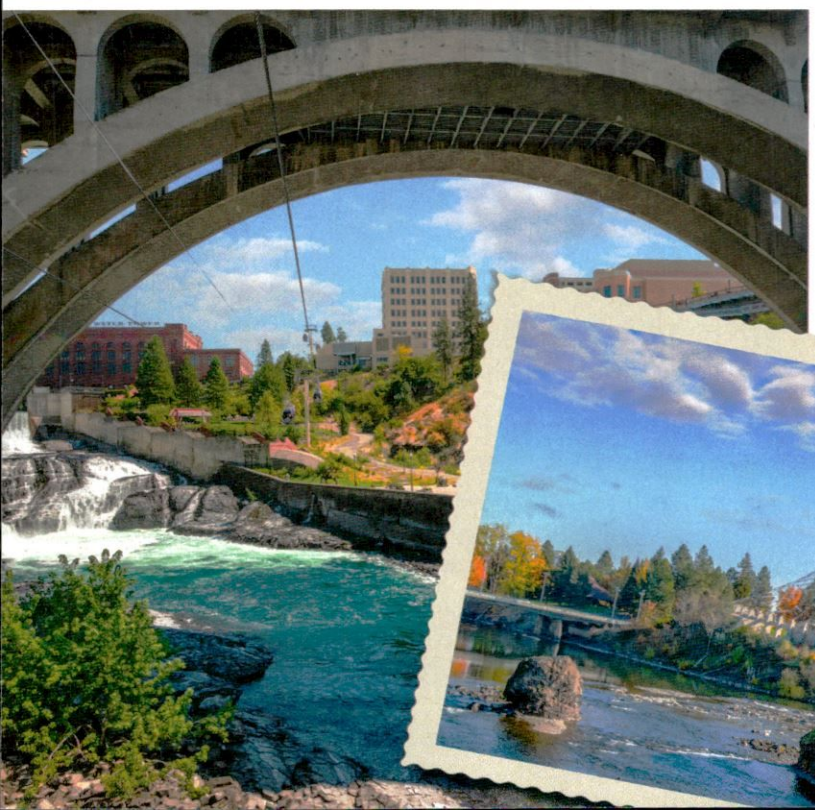
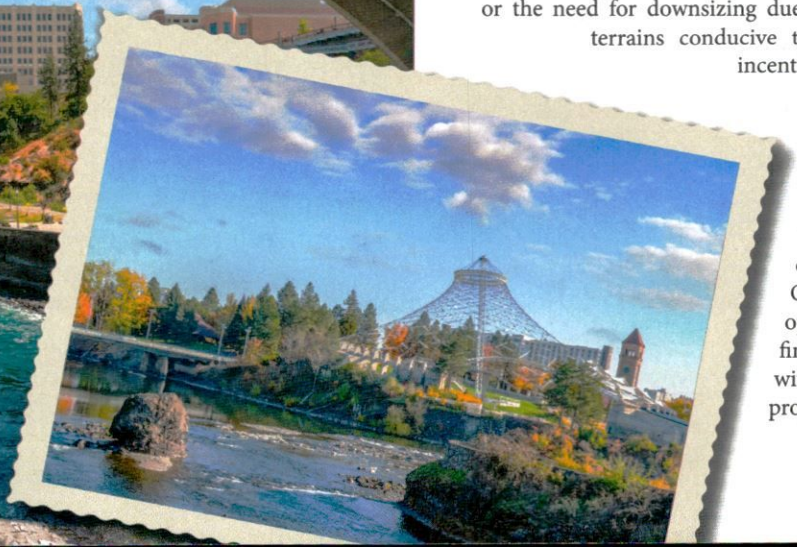
CLIMBING PROPERTY *Values*

The Inland Northwest's real estate landscape is changing dynamically. Escalating land and home prices are a testament to the region's desirability and economic vitality, rooted in an abundance of natural beauty, a burgeoning job market and a coveted quality of life. Consequently, property owners are witnessing an appreciable increase in the value of their investments.

A heightened demand for modern amenities is reflected in the soaring costs of homes with state-of-the-art fittings, energy-efficient features and smart technology integrations. These trends, undeniably linked to contemporary buyer expectations, are driving property values northward and reshaping the local real estate market.

Homeowner equity has grown significantly, especially for those who have held properties over several years. The increasing property values bolster the financial portfolio of owners and entice prospective buyers seeking appreciation potential. This trend bodes well for the future trajectory of the Inland Northwest's real estate landscape.

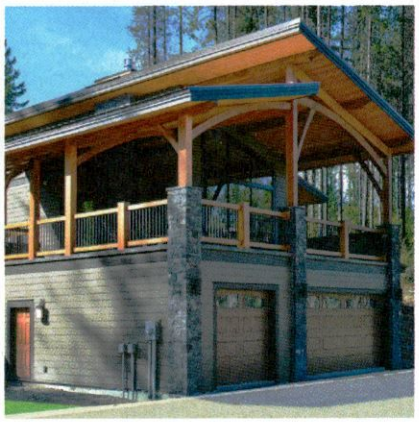


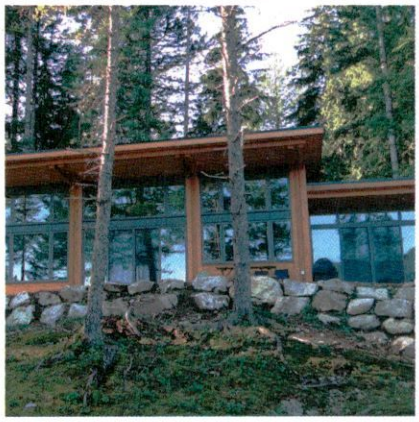


SELLERS' MOTIVATION *to Move*

Sellers in the Inland Northwest often decide to relocate driven by aspirations for larger properties, the allure of urban amenities, or the need for downsizing due to lifestyle changes. Some seek terrains conducive to agriculture, while others are incentivized by the prospect of career advancements in burgeoning economic hubs.

The impetus behind selling can also stem from the desire to capitalize on the region's competitive market conditions. Owners recognize a unique opportunity to maximize their financial return in a climate ripe with buyer interest and escalating property values.





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LIFESTYLE *Changes*

In the Inland Northwest, buyers and sellers are reacting to key lifestyle changes:

- Relocation for employment opportunities
- A desire for larger spaces and home offices
- Seeking proximity to outdoor amenities
- Preferring low-density living areas
- The need for multi-generational housing
- Downsizing for a minimalist, efficient lifestyle
- Investing in land to build custom homes

Sellers capitalize on these trends, often seeking to upgrade or downsize, while buyers prioritize homes that accommodate their evolving lifestyle needs.

MARKET TRENDS *Impacting Sales*

The Inland Northwest real estate market is witnessing a dynamic shift attributed to several influencing factors. The evolving remote work paradigm, coupled with a scant inventory, has precipitated a surge in demand for homes with dedicated office spaces. Simultaneously, there is a pervasive aspiration among residents to procure properties that facilitate an integration of work-life balance with the great outdoors — attributes quintessentially represented in this region.

These market trends significantly dictate the velocity at which properties transact. The confluence of low interest rates and a heightened desire for lifestyle-oriented homes has catalyzed brisk sales, benefiting sellers with favorable conditions while compelling buyers to act expeditiously in securing their preferred abodes.

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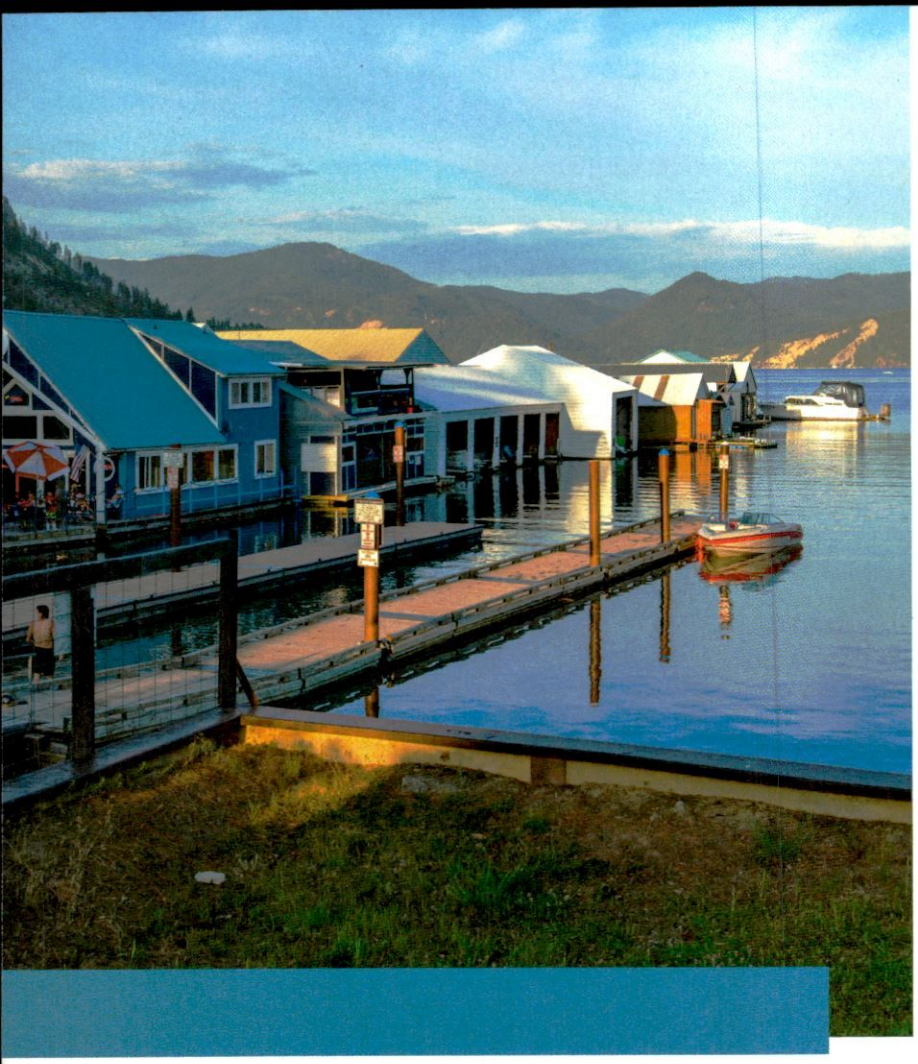
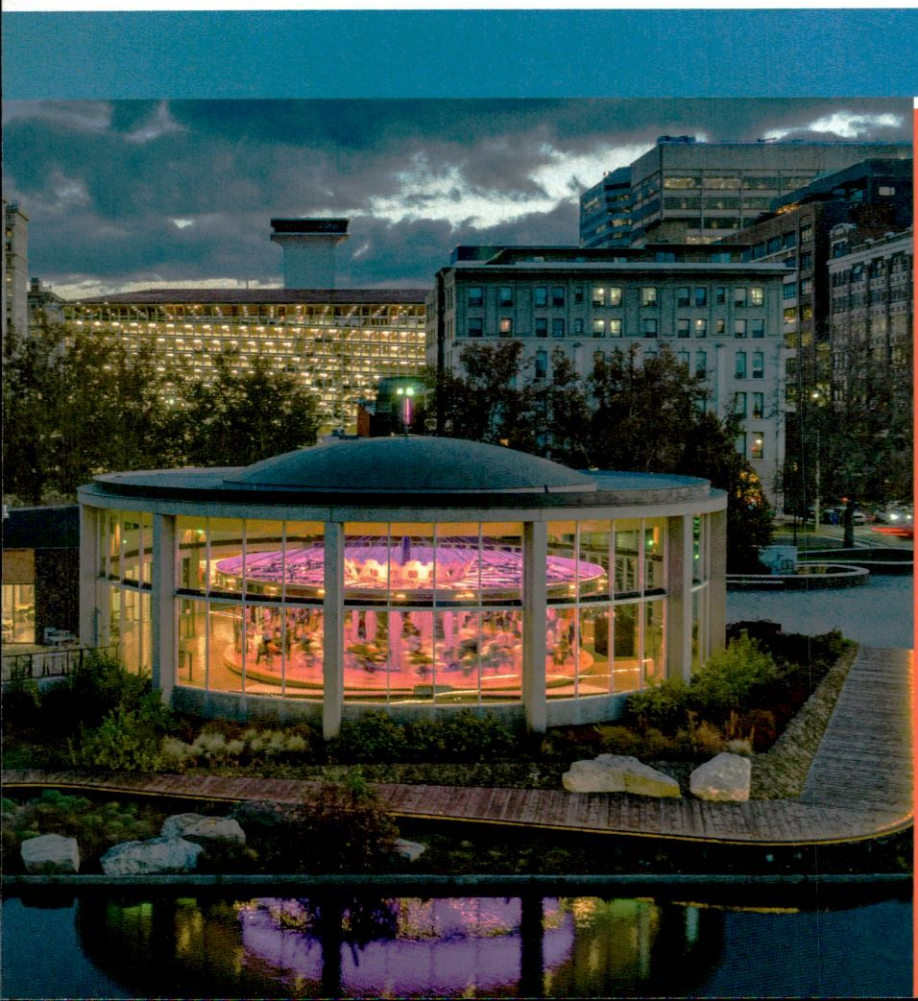


INVENTORY *Fluctuations*

The Inland Northwest real estate market experiences nuanced fluctuations in inventory, impacting both buyers and sellers. Lifestyle-driven purchases often limit the availability of properties with desired amenities, increasing competition among buyers and driving prices up. However, periods of new developments or economic shifts can lead to expansions in inventory, providing buyers with more options and allowing them to be more selective. During these times, sellers may face challenges in standing out among the increased competition, requiring effective marketing strategies.

Despite these fluctuations, the Inland Northwest remains a competitive market. Inventory levels reflect the overall economic health and consumer sentiment. When inventory is low, buyers must act quickly and employ strong negotiation strategies. Additionally, inventory levels can indicate upcoming market trends. When properties stay on the market for longer periods, it signals a shift in demand, prompting sellers and buyers to adjust their tactics accordingly. By observing these trends, both parties can strategize effectively and align their objectives with the market dynamics.



BUYER DEMOGRAPHICS *Shift*

Demographic trends shape the Inland Northwest's real estate landscape as buyer preferences evolve. The rise of tech-savvy millennials has influenced the market, with a focus on homes equipped with modern conveniences, energy efficiency and flexible spaces for remote work. The pandemic has further accelerated this trend. There is also a shift toward smaller, sustainable living arrangements, with buyers prioritizing lower maintenance costs, greener materials and community-centric environments. Sellers must understand these shifts and adapt their homes to meet changing demands. Strategic marketing efforts should highlight aspects of properties that align with the values and expectations of this new buyer demographic.

The real estate market in the Inland Northwest is undergoing a transformation that reflects and anticipates these demographic preferences. Adapting to these changes is crucial for both buyers and sellers, as success depends on aligning market offerings with the evolving desires of homebuyers.

JACKIE SUAREZ OF CENTURY 21 RIVERSTONE

Helping folks and families set roots in North Idaho

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Jackie Suarez began her career in real estate back in 1988, working as a paralegal and legal assistant searching titles and coordinating closings, then as a title officer and branch manager for a title company.

"I was fascinated by title history, from the first grant to the current owner," she remembers fondly. "I realized that these documents represented life-changing decisions for buyers and sellers."

In 2000, she became a real estate agent and a few years later received her Associate Broker's license. And she's never looked back. "I love helping people with what may be the biggest investment in their lives," Jackie smiles.

What's Jackie's secret to success? "It's no secret," she says. "Work hard, focus on your clients' needs and remember what's most important — God, family and relationships. I believe I'm one of the few people on Earth who gets to do what they love for a living. For some people, their real estate investments are the most valuable asset in their lives. It's a big deal — and for many, it's the American dream."

Clients continue to be impressed with Jackie's experience, background, consistent communication, attention to detail and commitment to their best interest. "We're focused on their goals, whether it's a first home, growing family, downsizing, relocation, or maximizing their wealth in commercial properties," she states.

Her clients can expect top-notch marketing and representation of their properties — thorough research and preparation in pricing, expert negotiation strategy, 100 percent honesty — and that Jackie will be by their side through the entire process.

When not busy dedicating her time to her clients, you will find Jackie and her husband Carlos enjoying their farm with their two dogs Rocket and Eddie, out on the lake in the summer or at Schweitzer Mountain in the winter. "I'm blessed to live and work in one of the most amazing places in the world."

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Designing and executing the home of your dreams

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"HDG was founded in 2010, in the middle of an economic recession," Josh Hissong reflects. "We had to scrape together any odd project we could find, and our margins were slim to none. We learned to be accommodating, agile and adaptable. What we sacrificed in profit, we gained in experience."

Josh, a North Idaho native, has had an affinity for design since he was young. Spending many years designing, managing, then subsequently owning seven different restaurants over the years, he soon realized that he could benefit other business owners with his knowledge of functional, and aesthetically pleasing, hospitality design. So, in 2006, he started designing restaurants and commercial kitchens. Then in 2011, partnering with architect Armando Hurtado, he began to study all facets of architecture and design.

As a business owner, Josh strives to create an environment that is inspiring, fun and positive. His co-workers are all incredible at their roles, and all play a part in the growth and success of the firm and its subsidiary companies. His willingness to "jump without a parachute" has allowed Josh to seize many opportunities that have allowed him to grow the firm.

Today, HDG, which is licensed in 10 states across the U.S., including Idaho, Washington, Montana, Oregon, Hawaii, California and New York, provides full-service architecture, design, branding and "really anything that will help a project stay cohesive from start to finish," Josh says. They have built relationships with many of the quality construction companies in the Inland Northwest and work with state-of-the-art design software, which allows clients to walk through their home/condo/commercial space in VR before a hammer is ever swung. "This allows them to see and get a feel for every element within the design," Josh affirms.

At HDG, Josh and Armando are committed to sticking to their core values and making their company stand out as a better place to work, with the common goal of designing every project with the same amount of excitement. "It does not matter if it is a $30 million home, a five-story mixed-use building, or a little renovation bringing an old home back to life," shares Josh. "We love it all — and it all matters."

Josh's number one inspiration is, and always will be, the people who he works with in the office, as well as the clients he assists. To continue to stay inspired and delve into new design concepts, he travels to Europe, where he spends four to six weeks each year exploring how design has shaped places that are thousands of years old. "When most people are at the lake in the summer, I am working. When I want to relax at night, I read design books, magazines and blogs," he notes. "Inspiration is everywhere!"

Since its inception, HDG has evolved in every way imaginable — both in terms of business function, design aesthetic and output. "Our reach of influence through social media and design publications is literally growing by the hour, and we are attracting more clients who give us carte blanche to design and execute the home of their dreams," says Josh.

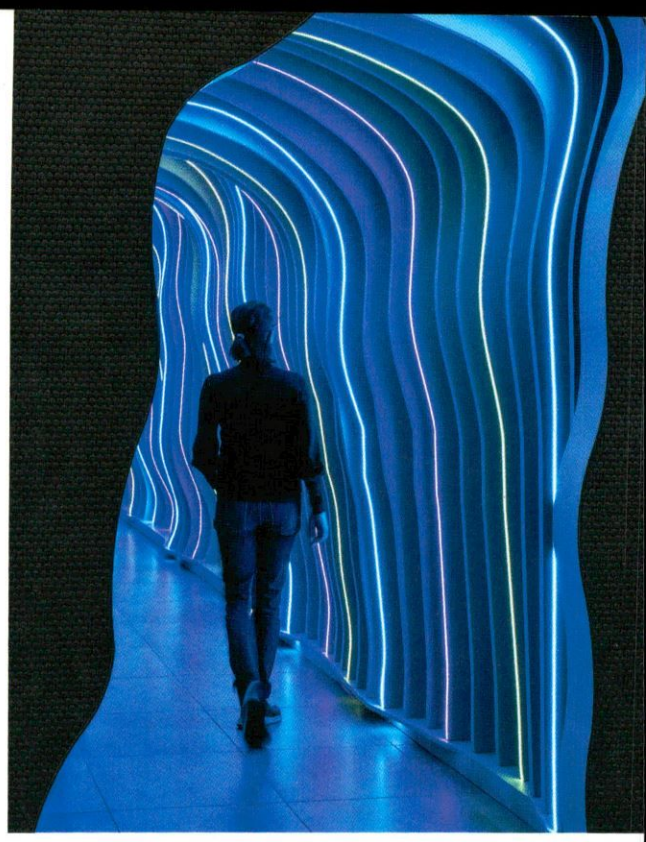
This growth has been very organic, he continues. Though never aiming for growth for growth's sake, the growth happened, and continues to happen, naturally, and on Josh and Armando's terms. "We don't chase every lead, and we know we're not a good fit for every project," Josh discloses. "We are very up front with optional customers about whether we think we're a good match. We believe that authenticity gives us freedom and is in everyone's best interest."

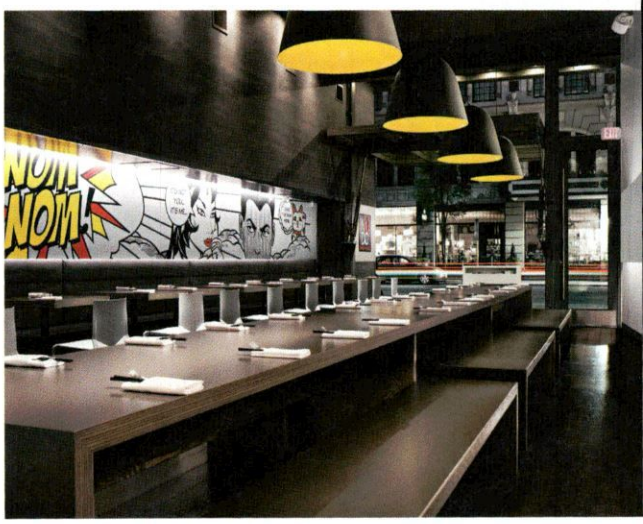
Josh shares that he and Armando recently started another business venture that he runs alongside Aubrey Plaisance, called Stroom Interiors, a procurement company that allows them to keep all of their interior design, acquisition and delivery projects in-house, rather than outsource to interior decorators.

When it comes to what Josh finds most rewarding about sharing his passion of design with his clients, he says it's "creating something out of nothing but a notion and helping people learn to live a different, simpler and more fulfilled life."

As a community member, Josh and HDG give back in ways that benefit numerous nonprofits — both monetarily and through time and effort. Josh has sat on numerous boards and committees and is currently the host of the community podcast, "If not now, when?" The podcast aims to bring together prominent and everyday members of the community to have real conversations about Spokane's future. Some notable guests have been Adam Morrison, Jesse Walters, Mike Senske, Chandler Baird from Spokane Eats, former Mayor David Condon, and more.

When not busy with his business, serving clients or his podcast, Josh enjoys spending time with his son, Luca, traveling the globe and enjoying the beautiful Pacific Northwest.





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Exteriors by Aspen

Your boutique exterior remodeling company

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

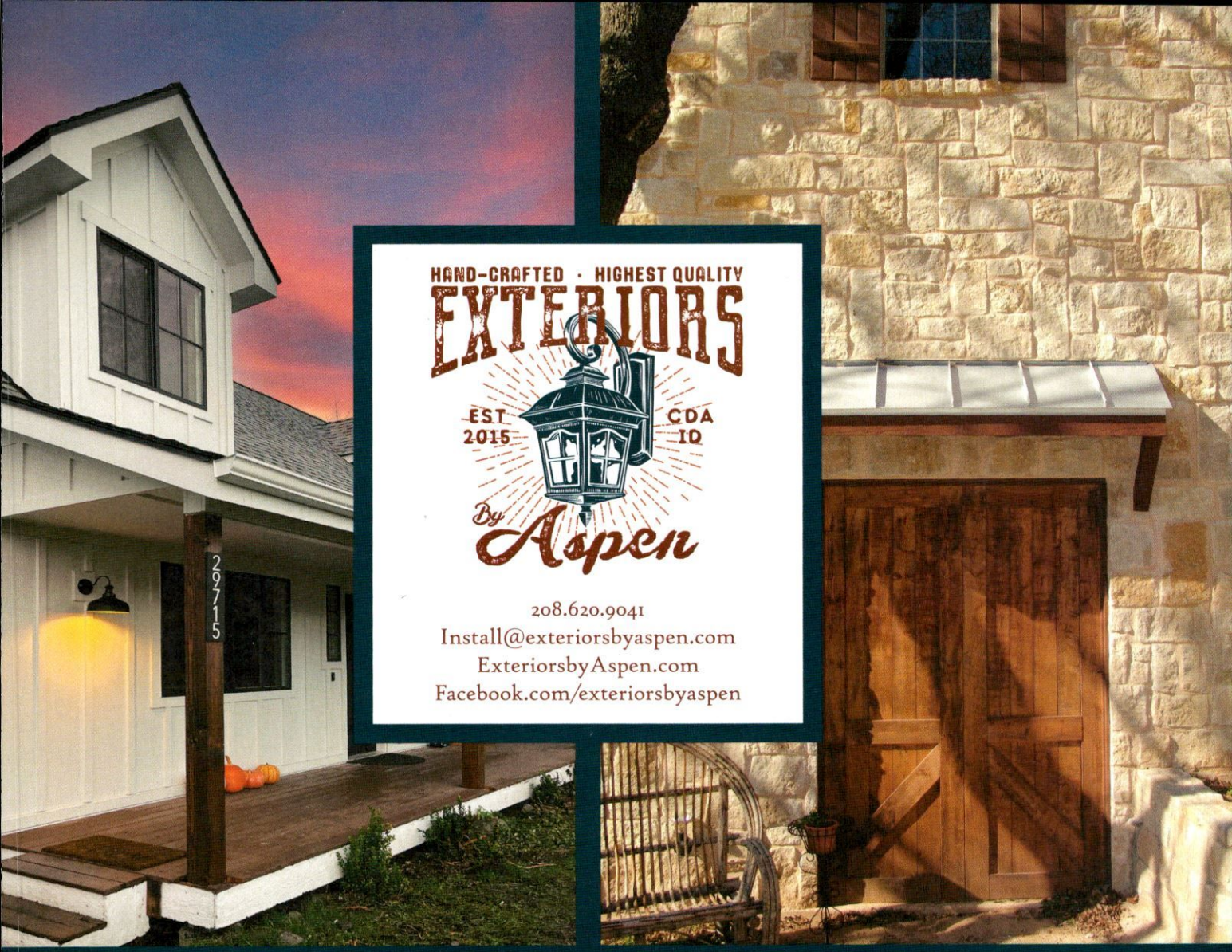
Carter Coleman has always been drawn to architectural design and construction. Starting in 2001 as a hands-on whole-house remodeler, he eventually moved on to specializing in custom home building in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. In 2008, due to the market crash, Carter found himself having to rework his business, and in 2012 he took a job with James Hardie — the largest fiber cement siding manufacturing company in the US — which would take him, wife Ashleigh, and two young sons from the heat of Texas to the heart of the Inland Northwest.

With James Hardie, Carter worked as a regional installation, technical sales and sales representative for six years, during which time he trained architects, builders and installation crews on how to properly install their siding products. With his territory covering Western Montana to the Cascades, extending up into Canada and down into Denver, the travel was taking a toll on him and his family.

After learning the technical side and invaluable knowledge from the James Hardie organization — by attending and leading installation workshops from coast to coast — Carter realized there were a lot of "gaps" in the market and areas that could be capitalized upon to deliver a better overall experience for homeowners. In 2015, Carter and Ashleigh decided to relaunch their Texas building company, this time specializing in exteriors, and opened Exteriors by Aspen.

Carter transferred over not only his business name of Aspen into Exteriors by Aspen but also his building ethics of overseeing each project from start to finish with the homeowner. "Before embarking on any project, there's the initial site visit," Carter explains, "which can be as short as 20 minutes to as long as the client needs to feel comfortable, allowing them the opportunity to ask as many questions as needed — and get those questions answered."

Carter personally takes phone calls, as well as measures each home with state-of-the art 3D imaging software. This advanced tool allows homeowners to really get a feel for how the house will look when finished. Through this software, Carter has the ability to completely change the façade, as it allows the client to change the look of the entire



home with a few clicks of the mouse. Carter's "Good, Better, Best" bid system is custom tailored to each unique home and is highly detailed, outlining the scope of the project clearly and succinctly for three distinct price points; far from an ambiguous text message or a set of impersonal boxes on a production checklist that have been the norm around here for too long.

Serving Spokane and North Idaho, Exteriors by Aspen offers an array of siding products, including: fiber cement siding (James Hardie ColorPlus), all vinyl products, windows and doors, composite and wood decking, natural and cultured stone and stucco, all types of roofing, and installation of rigid foam insulation or blow-in cellulose.

Aspen's true specialization is in James Hardie pre-painted ColorPlus fiber cement. "We proudly offer the best products because it's what homeowners desire to revitalize their most important investment," Carter affirms. With more than 700 curated James Hardie Colors to choose from, Carter ensures that all accessories including trim, shingles, board and batten, soffits, touch-up paint and caulking are color-matched for fade resistance, as well as performance and durability. "If the ColorPlus doesn't align with your budget or unique situation, I'll be the first to tell you why and what we can do differently. Also, we don't treat your home as 'builder grade,' because you don't see it that way. Homeowners desire low-maintenance products that deliver performance and durability that can not only stand up to our harsh climatic variables but also the test of time. Other siding companies deliver what's easiest and fastest for them to install … not what's best for the homeowner."

Knowledge of the industry and his relationships with suppliers, manufacturers and manufacturer reps in the region is what truly sets Carter apart from the competition. Combined with his unparalleled knowledge of James Hardie siding manufacturing and installation, his clients can expect nothing less than superior quality and excellent service.

Carter is proud of the business he has built alongside Ashleigh, adding, "I really like seeing the old become new again and seeing the owner's satisfaction during and after the projects. When we're done with the house, you're done with the house — no need to wait on painters or anyone else. We take care of everything; from new exhaust vents to house address numbers, right down to installing a new doorbell!"

The Colemans are an active family that enjoys all Idaho has to offer through snowboarding, fishing, dirt-biking and camping. In addition to spending time with their two sons, Baker (18) and Bear (15), they are also a licensed foster family, and have been fostering a little boy since birth, for almost two years. They also sponsor several children through the program Food for the Hungry (FH.org).

Panhandle Electric

'Big project experience with a small-town touch'

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

"My parents (Bryan and Debbie Lewis) and I share similar and humble beginnings of growing up in a rural blue-collar farming community in Ohio and graduating from the same high school," Evan Lewis reflects. "From there, our paths could not be more different before ultimately joining forces after we gained years of experience that serves us well in starting and running a successful business."

The Lewis family has called North Idaho home for many years, drawn to the area for the opportunity to plant roots near family in a postcard-worthy small mountain community with endless access to outdoor activities.

Upon moving to Sandpoint, Bryan joined Schweitzer as the senior electrician responsible for leading large electrical projects. His electrical training began before graduating high school, which evolved into a 30-plus-year journey as a master electrician. Over that time, Bryan gained a breadth of experience from wiring custom houses to leading multi-million-dollar electrical projects at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and high-rise development projects in downtown Seattle.

While Schweitzer was growing, North Idaho was as well, resulting in skyrocketing demand for skilled tradespeople. Recognizing the opportunity, Bryan and Debbie realized their lifelong dream and founded Panhandle Electric in 2020.

As the Lewis family looks back, the combination of Bryan's expertise and Debbie's decades of experience in corporate leadership roles led to early success for the business. "Before they knew it, my parents were burning the candle at both ends to keep up with demand for expert electrical services in North Idaho."

While in town for the holidays, Evan offered to provide some "grunt" labor on an electrical project the company had undertaken, which quickly turned into a major life change. "After experiencing the fulfillment from creating something tangible with my own hands and seeing the business opportunity, I left a decade-long career as a

business executive and investment banker to become a co-owner, electrician and operations leader for Panhandle Electric," he shares.

Today, Panhandle Electric is owned by two generations of the Lewis family, specifically Bryan and Debbie, along with Evan and his wife Avery. Founded with humble ambitions that quickly evolved, Panhandle Electric now serves Bonner, Boundary and Kootenai counties in North Idaho, and Sanders and Lincoln counties in Western Montana.

"We jumped at the opportunity to work alongside family, provide essential services in a growing community and take our skills and experience to create the company we always wanted to work for but never found," Evan affirms.

As a full-service electrical services contractor that can lead commercial, residential and industrial electrical projects, Panhandle Electric offers everything from pre-construction design-build services to electrical services for facility additions or remodels, tenant improvements, custom homes, large home renovations, electrical service upgrades, EV chargers, roof de-icing solutions and more!

"We bring big project experience with a small-town touch," Evan smiles. "As a local team, we are heavily invested in all our projects since we live and raise families in the very community we serve. As a family operated business, we lead with integrity and honesty above all else."

Panhandle Electric's electricians stand out as not only experts in their field but also as stewards of the business' core values of professionalism, follow-through and quality of work. "More than 80 percent of our business is with repeat clients due to our track record of delivering superior results and consistent, white-glove experiences," Bryan mentions.

When it comes to what the family finds most rewarding from running a local business, it is providing essential services that help the community to thrive. "We genuinely enjoy experiencing the impact of our work directly, whether that is seeing new lights illuminating the office of the Bonner County Daily Bee or riding on the new chairlift at Schweitzer that our team helped to install," Bryan explains. "The people and local businesses are what makes a community special, and it is an honor to be a part of that fabric for North Idaho while creating long-standing friendships with clients, vendors, partners and other business owners."

It is important to the Lewis family and Panhandle Electric team to give back to their community. Their team and their families are involved with a variety of nonprofit organizations such as the Mayfly Project, Community Cancer Services, and the Bonner Community Food Bank. "These organizations support causes that are near and dear to our hearts given our personal experiences and their impact in our community," Evan notes.

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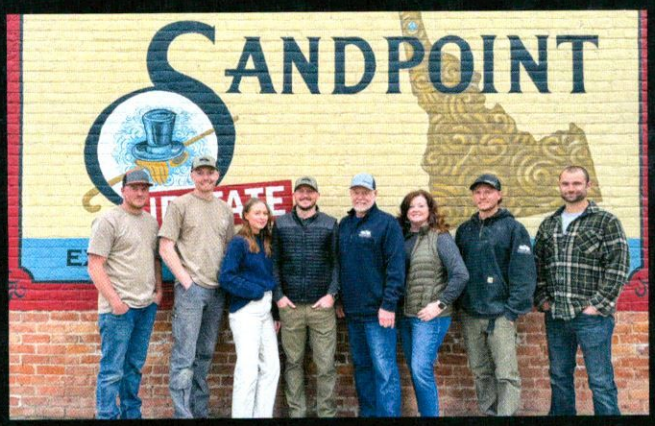

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WHEN SHOULD YOU TAKE SOCIAL SECURITY?

One of your important sources of retirement income will likely be Social Security — but when should you start taking it?

You can start collecting Social Security benefits at 62, but your checks will be considerably bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You could even wait until you're 70, at which point the payments will max out, except for yearly cost-of-living adjustments. But if you need the money, you need the money, even if you're just 62 or any age before full retirement age.

However, if you have adequate financial resources to meet your monthly needs, whether through earned income, your investment portfolio or a combination of the two, you could have some flexibility in choosing when to take Social Security. In this case, you may want to weigh these considerations:

• **Life expectancy** - For all of us, it's one of life's great mysteries: *How long will we live?* Of course, we can't see into the future, so the question can't be answered with total confidence. But to make an informed decision on when to take Social Security, you don't need to know your exact lifespan — you just need to make a reasonably good estimate. So, for example, if you're approaching 62, you're enjoying excellent health and you have a family history of longevity, you might conclude it's worth waiting a few years to collect Social Security, so you can receive the bigger payments. Conversely, if your health is questionable and your family has not been fortunate in terms of longevity, you might want to start taking your benefits earlier.

• **Employment** - You can certainly continue working and still receive Social Security benefits. However, if you're under your full retirement age for the entire year, Social Security will deduct $1 from your benefits for every $2 you earn above the annual limit of $22,320. In the year you reach your full retirement age, Social Security will deduct $1 in benefits for every $3 you earn above $59,520. So, you may want to keep these reductions in mind when deciding when to begin accepting benefits. Once you reach your full retirement age, you can earn any amount without losing benefits. (Also, at your full retirement age, Social Security will recalculate your benefit amount to credit you for the months you received reduced benefits because of your excess earnings.)

• **Spouse** - Spouses can receive two types of Social Security benefits: spousal and survivor. With a spousal benefit, your spouse can receive up to 50 percent of your full retirement benefits, regardless of when you start taking them. (Your spouse's benefit can be reduced by the amount of their own retirement benefit and whether they took Social Security before their full retirement age.) But with a survivor benefit, your decision about when to take Social Security can make a big difference. A surviving spouse can receive the larger of their own benefit or 100 percent of a deceased spouse's benefit, so if you take benefits early and receive a permanent reduction, your spouse's survivor benefit may also be reduced for their lifetime.

When to take Social Security is an important — and irrevocable — decision. So, consider all the factors before making your choice.

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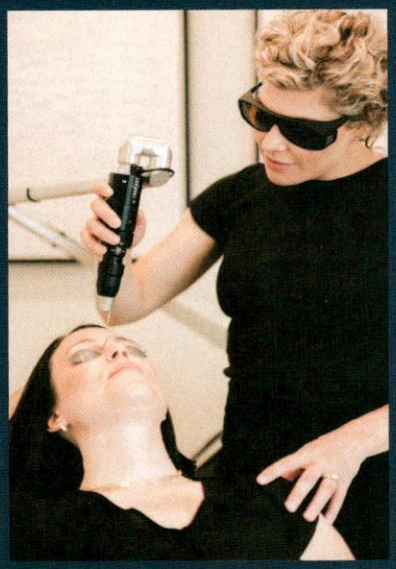
Sarah Hamilton FACE

The Inland Northwest's Premier Medical Aesthetic Clinic: Refresh your look with Sarah Hamilton Face

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Sarah Hamilton Face, the area's premier medical aesthetic clinic (with locations in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Liberty Lake, Washington) prides itself on delivering personalized care and attention to each client they serve. They take the time to understand one's specific concerns, preferences and desired outcomes, allowing them to create customized treatment plans. This personalized approach ensures that you receive the best possible results.

Founded by Sarah Hamilton, aesthetic nurse and national trainer, Face is comprised of a team of highly skilled and experienced medical professionals who are dedicated to providing top-notch aesthetic treatments. They stay up to date with the latest advancements in the field, ensuring they can provide the most effective, innovative and safe treatments to their clients. This experience, paired with state-of-the-art laser machines and equipment, allows them to deliver precise and targeted treatments, minimizing any potential risks or side effects. (Sarah Hamilton Face is also a national laser training center where providers from around the country come to learn their laser techniques.)



When it comes to laser treatments, they take a personalized approach, understanding that each individual is unique, and tailor treatments to meet the specific needs and concerns of the client. "Our friendly and knowledgeable staff take the time to listen to our clients' goals and expectations, ensuring that they receive the best possible results," affirms Sarah.

Sun exposure, over time, can lead to various skin concerns such as sunspots, uneven skin tone, fine lines and wrinkles. "It's important to note that the specific laser treatment recommended for sun-damaged skin may vary depending on the severity of the damage and individual skin concerns," Sarah notes. "Our experienced professionals will assess your skin and customize a treatment plan to address your specific needs effectively."

For those looking to address sun-damaged skin, here are Sarah Hamilton Face's top laser treatments:

Sunspot and Pigmentation Reduction: Targets and breaks down excess melanin, which causes sunspots and pigmentation. The laser energy is absorbed by the pigmented cells, leading to their fragmentation and eventual fading. This helps in reducing the appearance of sunspots and achieving a more even skin tone.

Skin Rejuvenation: Stimulates collagen production (a protein responsible for maintaining skin elasticity and firmness) in the skin. Sun damage can lead to collagen breakdown, resulting in the formation of fine lines and wrinkles. By promoting collagen production, laser treatments can help improve skin texture, reduce the visibility of fine lines and restore a more youthful appearance.

Skin Resurfacing: Laser resurfacing treatments can effectively address sun-damaged skin by removing the damaged outer layers of the skin. This process helps to reduce the appearance of sunspots, fine lines and uneven texture, revealing smoother, healthier skin underneath.

Overall Skin Improvement: Laser treatments can also enhance overall skin quality by improving skin tone, texture and clarity. They can help minimize pore size, reduce redness and promote a more radiant complexion.

Additional laser technologies offered at Face include Laser Hair Removal, Laser Tattoo Removal, Laser Vein Treatments and Laser Acne Treatment.

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Beauty is in the eye of the Buyer

Discover top trends in Northwest home building and lifestyle

by THOMAS WILLIAMS

The Northwest aesthetic whispers tranquility through its seamless blend with nature. It's a palette shaped by the environment's lush bounty. Here's what you should know. As the home building landscape in the Inland Northwest evolves, so too does the definition of a modern sanctuary, channeling the essence of the great outdoors into every timber and tile. Today, there's a growing appreciation for spaces that not only whisper serenity but also are crafted with sustainability and functionality at their heart — hallmarks of a true Northwest home, where the majesty of ranging pines meets the innovation of contemporary design.

Integrating Nature with Design

In the Northwest, residences embody biophilic principles, fostering deep connections between inhabitants and their surrounding ecosystem. This convergence creates a harmonious living space that is unabashedly Northwest, weaving the outdoors into the very fabric of the home.

Biophilic design transcends mere aesthetics by incorporating natural materials, ample daylight and flora into the architectural vernacular. It's a purposeful strategy that merges the robustness of the outdoor environment with the sophistication of modern living, ensuring that every dwelling not only echoes the beauty of the Northwest but also supports well-being.

Such homes offer "inside-out" living and "outside-in" views that position nature as a constant, serene backdrop to the dynamic rhythm of everyday life.

Incorporation of stone and wood brings not just beauty **but a tactile dimension to homes.**

Embracing Natural Materialst

The Northwest aesthetic champions authenticity — local wood, stone and glass reflect the region's rugged beauty and sense of place. In the Northwest, cedar and Douglas fir define the essence of natural warmth, imbuing homes with a sense of organic elegance.

These materials are not just visually appealing; they possess innate durability and insulation properties, making them ideal for the climate's challenges, from freezing winters to dry summers.

Incorporation of stone and wood brings not just beauty but a tactile dimension to homes — touch becomes a pathway to connect with nature, further blending the boundaries of indoor and outdoor spaces.

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SPACES: Versatile layouts blur the lines between work, leisure and relaxation, accommodating diverse lifestyles with adaptable rooms that effortlessly transform from home offices to entertainment hubs.

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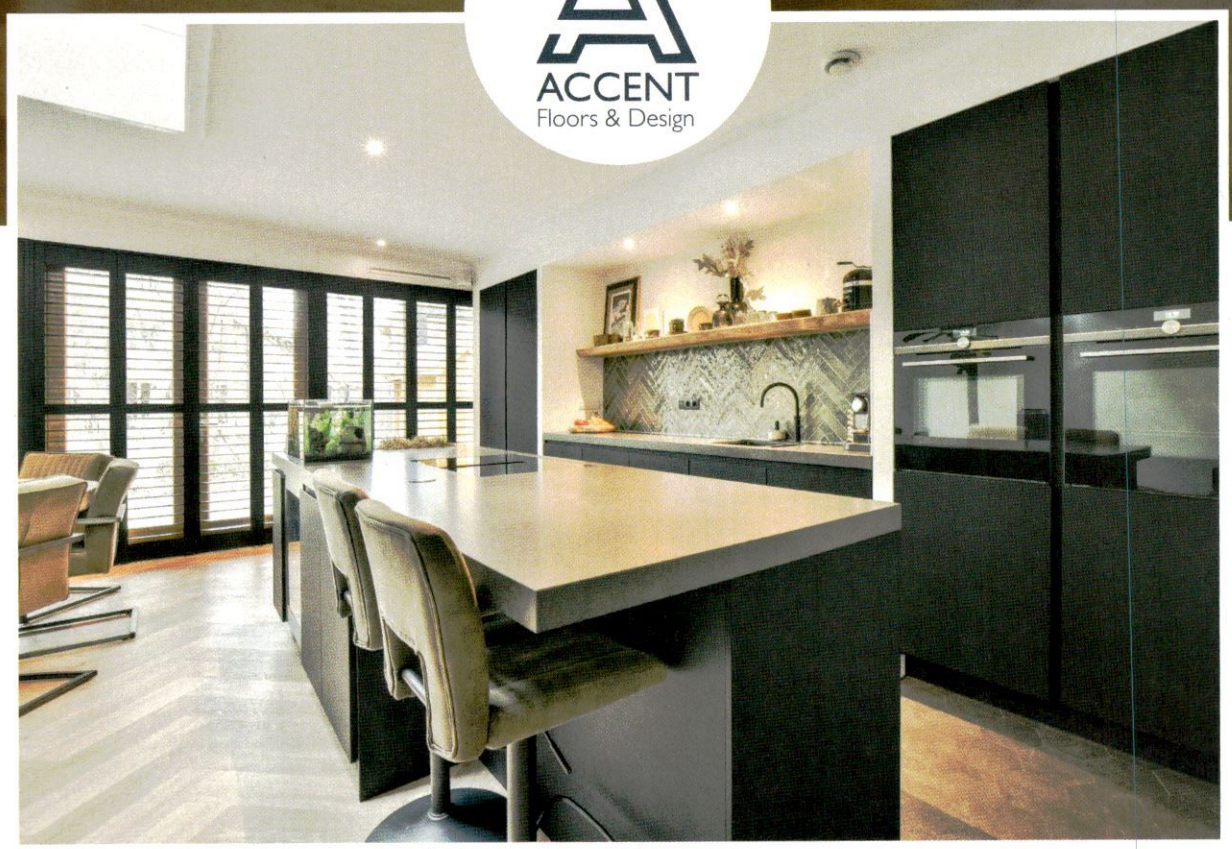

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Expansive Views and Outdoor Connections

Maximizing the scenic vistas of the Inland Northwest, architects design homes with large windows, integrating the external environment into the daily living experience. Such structures artfully frame the panorama, ensuring residents enjoy a seamless connection with nature's tapestry.

Floor-to-ceiling windows have become a hallmark of Northwest architecture. They amplify the connection between interior spaces and the stunning exterior landscapes.

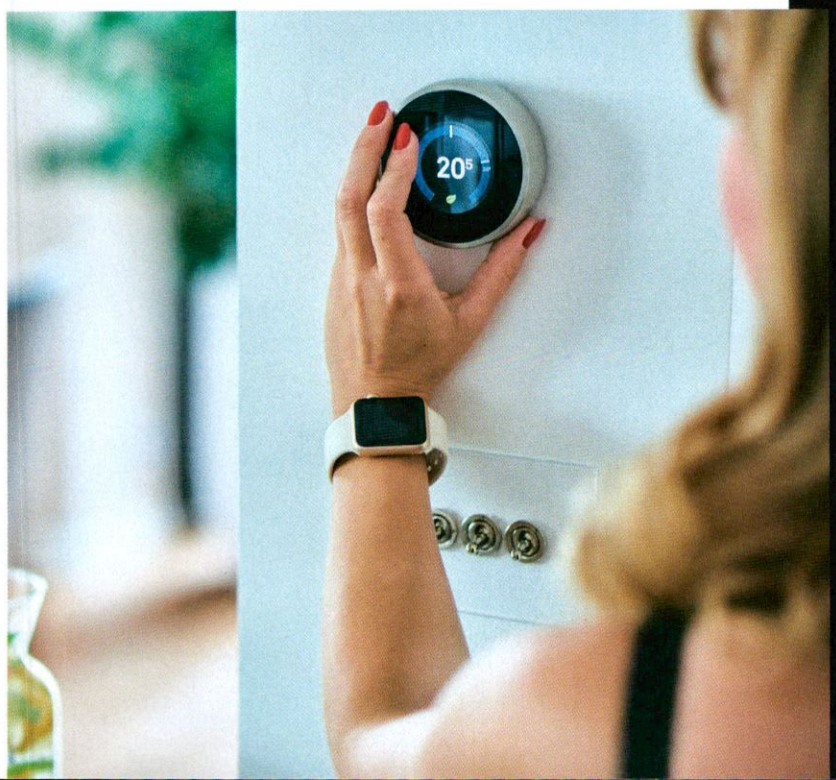
Biophilic design principles are employed to accentuate this union, implementing elements (like living walls and water features) that incorporate nature itself within the architecture.

Open-plan designs bolster the sense of space, cultivating an expansive atmosphere that transitions smoothly from the cozy interior to the majestic outdoors, embodying an unrestricted sense of freedom.

Outdoor living spaces are strategically positioned to harness the natural allure of the surroundings, forming tranquil alcoves where one can absorb the serene vistas and engage intimately with the setting's tranquility.

Lastly, the goal is to blur the line between indoors and out, masterfully incorporating natural light and landscape to create living spaces that are harmonious and evocative. This design philosophy reinforces the Northwest's ethos of embracing the great outdoors within the personal realm.

OUTDOOR RETREATS: Expansive decks, lush gardens and serene patio spaces offer tranquil escapes amidst urban bustle, inviting residents to unwind, entertain and reconnect with nature's soothing embrace.



Energy Efficiency Takes Center Stage

In the Northwest, homes are increasingly showcasing high-energy efficiency as a standard, not an option. This commitment to environmental stewardship resonates deeply with the regions' value system.

Advancements in technology, such as smart thermostats and high-efficiency HVAC systems, play a pivotal role in the movement toward sustainable living. Builders prioritize these elements, ensuring that residences are not only comfortable but also conscientiously lessening their carbon footprint.

The terms "net-zero" and "passive house" are becoming household vocabulary as homeowners demand more energy-conscious options. These trends underscore a profound respect for the environment ingrained in the Northwest lifestyle.

Strategic architectural planning allows for maximized natural light and **efficient use of space.**

Unique Floor Plans for Modern Living

Open-concept layouts with seamless transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces are a signature of the Northwest's approach to modern living. Embracing flexibility, these residences often feature multi-functional rooms, customized storage solutions, and expansive windows that invite the stunning natural landscapes inside. Designs that adapt to home-based work scenarios, integrating tech-enabled home offices and shared living spaces, are becoming increasingly prominent as a reflection of evolving lifestyles.

Strategic architectural planning allows for maximized natural light and facilitates efficient use of space, with design elements like split-bedroom layouts enhancing privacy for multigenerational living. Home builders are moving away from conventional partitions, opting for movable walls and open riser staircases that foster a sense of spatial freedom while serving the functional needs of the Northwest community.

Smart Home Technology

The fusion of technology with daily living has been characterized by a surge in smart home innovations.

Efficiency and convenience drive the adoption of smart home systems, allowing residents to manage their homes seamlessly through intuitive applications and devices. The importance of interconnectedness is underscored by Northwest homeowners who place a premium on having control at their fingertips, whether for security, comfort or energy management.

Enthusiasm for such advancements has resulted in a home building landscape in which intelligent devices are embedded as foundational elements, ensuring the smart home ecosystem's growth.

As these technologies evolve, so does the Northwest home, becoming a testament to the region's pioneering spirit and forward-thinking lifestyle.

Open Concept Layouts

Open-concept layouts are the cornerstone of contemporary Northwest homes. They epitomize a seamless flow between living, dining and kitchen areas, fostering social interaction and communal living.

Since their rise to prominence, these airy designs have become synonymous with the Northwest lifestyle — merging indoors with the breathtaking outdoors. Expansive windows and retractable walls further dissolve the boundaries, providing unobstructed views and natural light.

The current trend extends beyond just a spatial arrangement; it reflects a cultural shift toward transparency and inclusivity in living spaces. Open-concept layouts encourage family engagement and make hosting gatherings more congenial and immersive.

Such layouts are meticulously tailored to accommodate multifaceted lifestyles. For instance, the integration of sleek, efficient kitchens with living spaces allows culinary activities to be part of the social experience, rather than isolated chores.

These open, versatile domains also afford homeowners the flexibility to adapt their spaces to evolving trends and personal needs, ensuring longevity in design and function.

Locally Inspired Aesthetics

Northwest home building is intrinsically connected to its surrounding natural beauty, fostering homes which harmonize with the regional landscape. From the use of indigenous materials to color schemes that evoke the local flora and fauna, every detail is thoughtfully considered. As a testament to this, craftsmanship and sustainability intersect in Northwest homes. Architects and builders prioritize eco-friendly practices, such as sourcing local wood and stone, to minimize environmental impact while capturing the essence of regional aesthetics.

The result is a distinct "in-nature" feel that resonates within these living spaces — a palpable testament to the Northwest's reverence for the outdoors.

Artisan Craftsmanship

Artisan craftsmanship stands as the bedrock of the Northwest's architectural identity, captivating with its meticulous attention to detail and reverence for quality.

Hand-forged ironwork and custom woodwork reflect a heritage of skilled artisanship. These elements serve as the cornerstones of Northwest homes, embodying a deep-rooted connection to the land and its resources.

In this region, homes are thoughtfully adorned with artisanal touches that echo the surrounding environment. Custom-designed glasswork and stonemasonry are crafted to complement natural settings, creating a seamless integration of interior living with the exterior landscape.

Elevate Your HOME

Updates to reflect your lifestyle

by ELIZABETH RAY

As our lives evolve, so too should our homes. They should be a reflection of our personalities, our values and our lifestyles. Whether you're a tech enthusiast, an eco-conscious homeowner, or someone who values comfort and style, there are numerous updates you can make to your home to ensure it aligns perfectly with your way of living. From subtle changes to bold renovations, it's time to transform your living space into a sanctuary tailored to your unique lifestyle.

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Windows: Upgrading to energy-efficient windows not only improves insulation but also enhances the aesthetic appeal of your home. Look for features like double or triple glazing, low-emissivity coatings, and insulated frames to maximize energy efficiency and minimize outside noise. Smart windows equipped with sensors and automated controls further enhance comfort and energy savings, allowing seamless integration with your smart home ecosystem. Consider additional features such as UV protection and noise reduction to create a serene and comfortable living environment tailored to your preferences. Don't forget to explore options for window designs and finishes that complement your home's architectural style and interior décor, adding visual interest and curb appeal.

Window Coverings: Window covering upgrades not only enhance privacy but also contribute to the overall aesthetic appeal of your interiors. Consider investing in motorized blinds or shades that offer convenience and precise light control at the touch of a button. Eco-friendly materials like bamboo or organic cotton can align with a sustainable lifestyle, adding a touch of natural elegance to your living space. Don't forget to explore options for curtains or drapes that can complement your interior design style while providing additional insulation and ambiance.

Flooring: The flooring in your home sets the foundation for style, comfort and durability. Whether you prefer the timeless elegance of hardwood, the versatility of laminate, or the plush comfort of carpet, updating your flooring can instantly transform the look and feel of your rooms. Choose materials that suit your lifestyle — easy-to-clean surfaces for busy households or hypoallergenic options for allergy sufferers. Consider eco-friendly flooring options such as cork or reclaimed wood to reduce environmental impact while adding warmth and character to your home. Additionally, explore innovative flooring solutions like heated floors for added comfort and luxury, especially during the cold winter months.

Cabinetry: Upgrading your cabinets can revitalize your kitchen or bathroom, enhancing both aesthetics and functionality. Choose from a variety of materials and finishes to complement your design style, from sleek modern cabinets to classic wood finishes. Explore organizational features such as pull-out shelves, drawer dividers, and built-in storage solutions to maximize space efficiency and usability. Consider incorporating custom cabinetry designs that reflect your unique storage needs and design preferences, optimizing workflow and visual appeal in your kitchen or bathroom. Don't overlook the importance of high-quality hardware and accessories for enhancing durability, functionality and overall design cohesion.

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Appliances: Modern appliances streamline daily tasks and contribute to energy efficiency and convenience. Upgrade to energy-efficient refrigerators, dishwashers and washing machines to reduce your carbon footprint and lower utility bills. Consider smart appliances that offer advanced features like remote monitoring and energy usage tracking for added convenience and peace of mind. Explore innovative appliance technologies such as steam cooking, induction ranges and built-in espresso makers for a truly gourmet kitchen experience. Don't forget to consider appliances with eco-friendly certifications and water-saving features to minimize environmental impact and resource consumption.

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Furniture: Your choice of furniture plays a crucial role in both style and functionality. Invest in pieces that reflect your personal taste while prioritizing comfort and versatility. Consider multifunctional furniture for small spaces or modular designs that adapt to your changing needs. Upholstery in durable fabrics and timeless designs ensures longevity and timeless appeal. Explore customizable furniture options that allow you to tailor dimensions, colors and configurations to suit your unique preferences, creating a cohesive and harmonious aesthetic throughout your home. Don't overlook the importance of ergonomic furniture solutions for optimizing comfort and promoting well-being, especially if you spend long hours working or relaxing at home.

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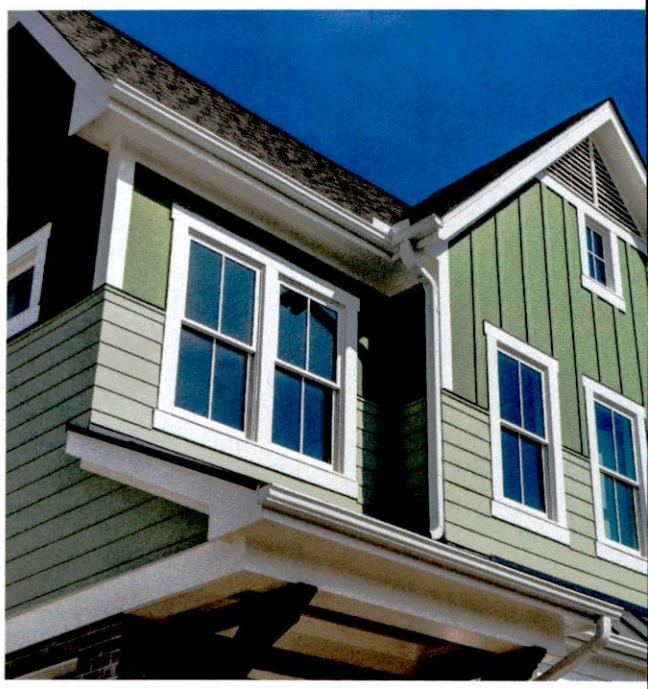
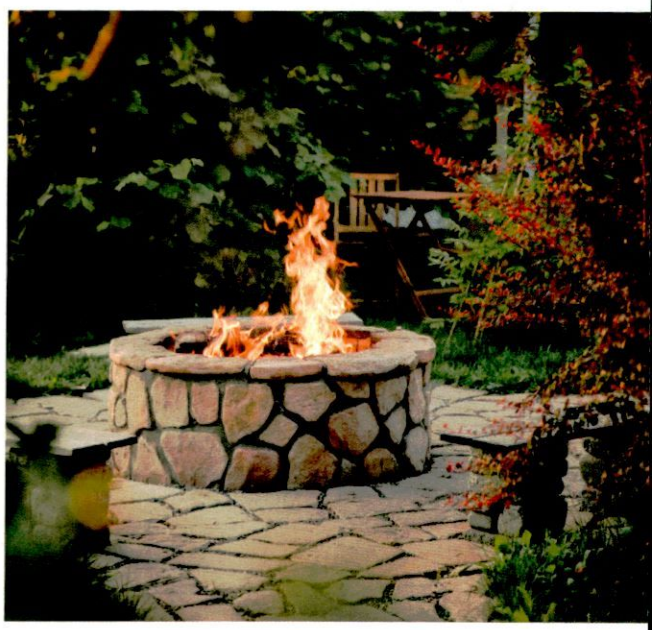
Smart Technology Integration: Embrace the convenience and efficiency of smart home technology by integrating devices like thermostats, lighting systems and security cameras. Smart thermostats learn your preferences and adjust temperatures accordingly, optimizing energy usage and comfort. Smart lighting systems offer customizable settings and remote access, enhancing ambiance and security with ease. Explore smart home hubs that serve as centralized control centers for all your connected devices, simplifying management and enhancing interoperability. Consider expanding your smart home ecosystem to include voice-controlled assistants, automated blinds and smart appliances for a truly integrated living experience.

Siding: As we move outdoors, upgrades to your home's exterior with new siding will enhance curb appeal and protection against the elements. Choose from a variety of materials such as vinyl, fiber cement or natural wood, selecting colors and textures that complement your home's architectural style. Invest in insulated siding options to improve energy efficiency and reduce heating and cooling costs. Explore options for decorative accents, trim details and architectural enhancements to add character and visual interest to your home's exterior. Don't overlook the importance of proper installation techniques and ongoing maintenance for preserving the longevity and performance of your new siding investment.



Decking and Patios: Extend your living space outdoors with a new decking or patio area. Choose durable and low-maintenance materials such as composite decking or natural stone pavers for longevity and visual appeal. Enhance comfort and ambiance with outdoor furniture, lighting fixtures and landscaping features, creating an inviting space for relaxation and entertainment. Consider incorporating features such as outdoor kitchens, fire pits or water features to enhance functionality and create a focal point for outdoor gatherings. Don't forget to explore options for shade structures, pergolas or retractable awnings to provide protection from the elements and extend the usability of your outdoor living space throughout the year.



By incorporating these updates into your home, you can create a living space that truly reflects your lifestyle while enhancing comfort, efficiency and aesthetics. Whether you prioritize sustainability, convenience or style, there are countless options available to tailor your home to your unique preferences. Remember to consider factors such as durability, functionality and long-term value when selecting upgrades, ensuring that your home remains a sanctuary that resonates with your lifestyle for years to come. Embrace innovation, sustainability and personalized design to create a home that not only meets your needs but also inspires and rejuvenates you every day.

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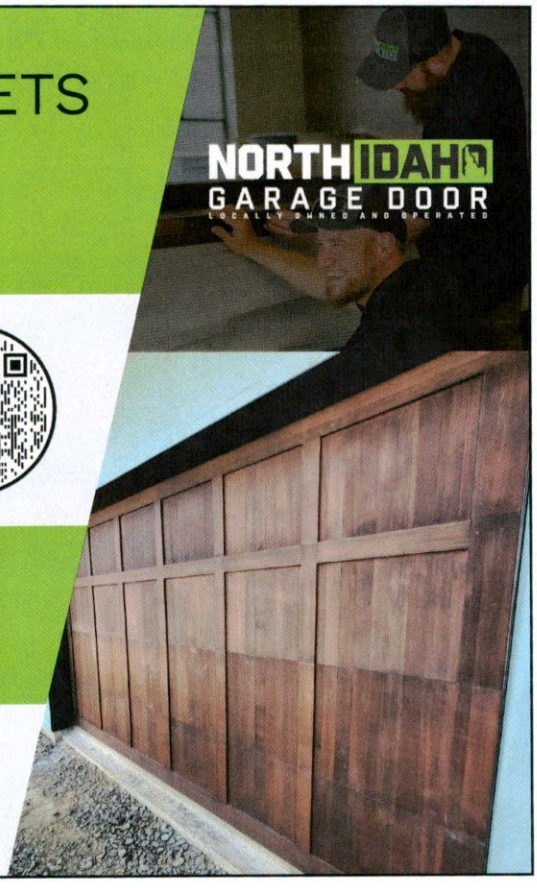

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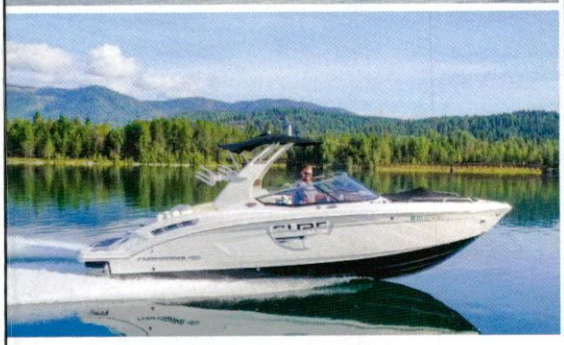

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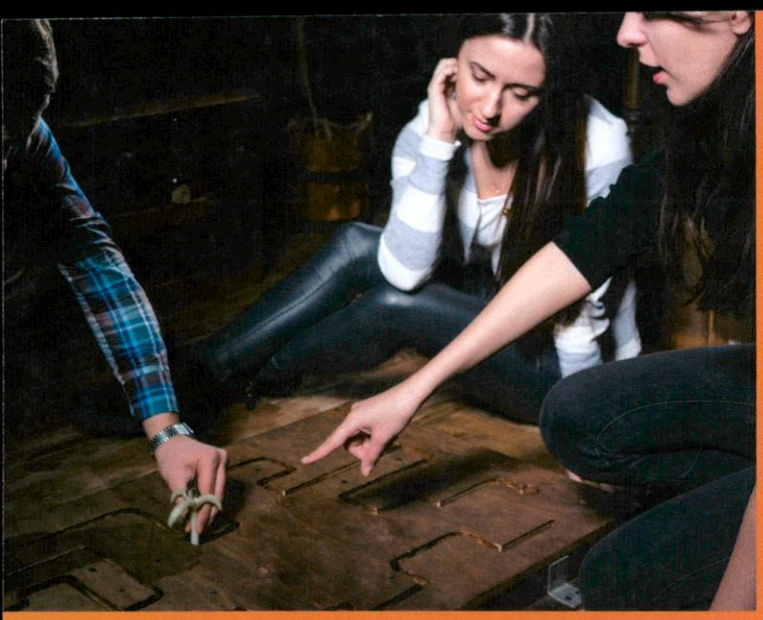

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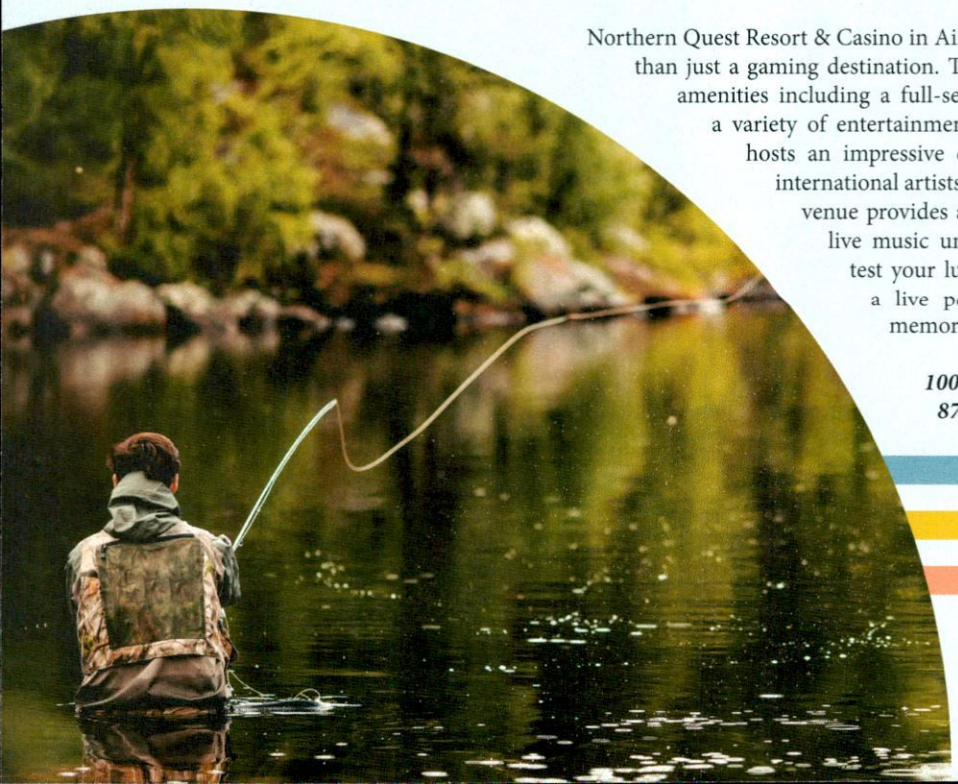

Northern Quest Resort & Casino in Airway Heights, just outside Spokane, is more than just a gaming destination. This luxurious resort offers a wide range of amenities including a full-service spa, world-class dining options and a variety of entertainment venues. During the summer, the resort hosts an impressive concert series featuring top national and international artists across various genres. The outdoor concert venue provides an intimate setting where guests can enjoy live music under the stars. Whether you're looking to test your luck at the casino, relax in the spa or catch a live performance, Northern Quest promises a memorable experience.

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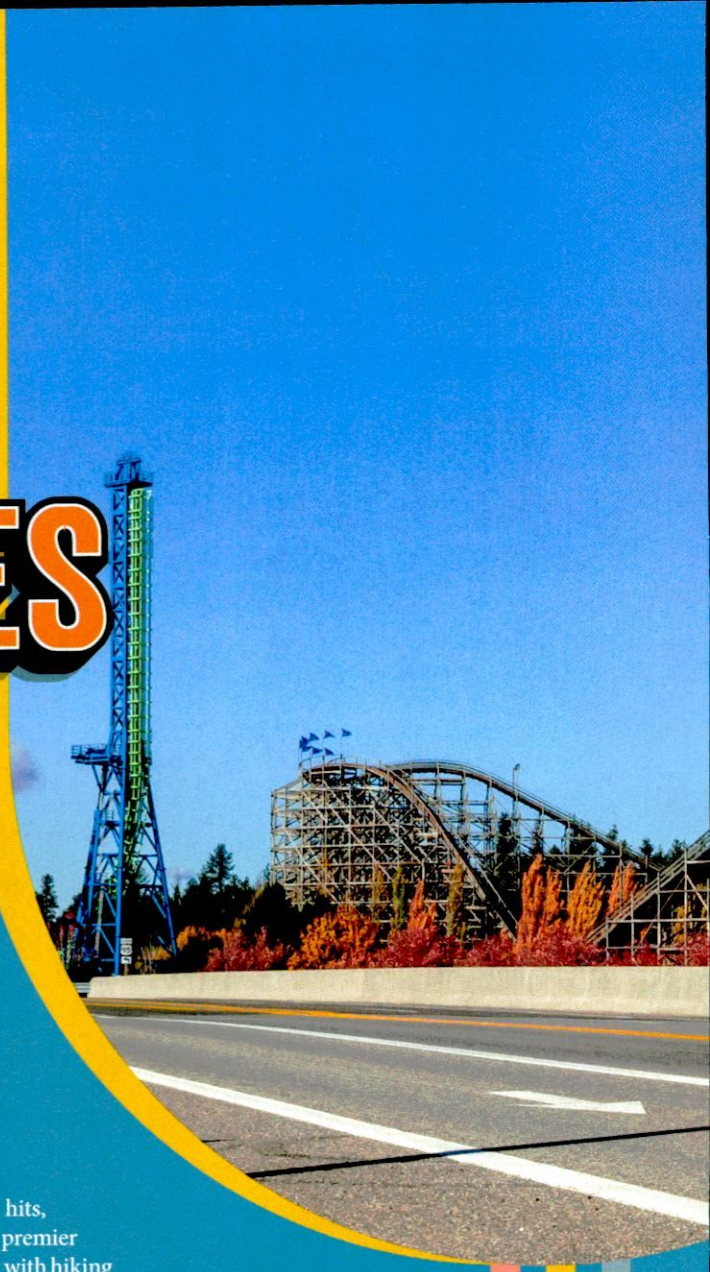

SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN RESORT

Your year-round mountain playground, once summer hits, Schweitzer Mountain in Sandpoint, Idaho, transforms from a premier alpine ski resort to the ultimate destination of outdoor enthusiast with hiking and biking trails, horseback riding, zip-lining adventures, Village activities and vibrant events throughout the summer months. Once winter returns, the mountain once again returns as a skier's paradise with over 2,900 acres of skiable terrain, world-class trails and breathtaking panoramic views of Lake Pend Oreille. The resort also boasts cozy accommodations, delectable dining options and a charming village atmosphere. Whether you seek outdoor thrills or tranquil relaxation, Schweitzer Mountain Resort is your year-round mountain escape.

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SILVER RAPIDS INDOOR WATERPARK RESORT

"It's time to say, "Surf's Up!" Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg, Idaho, is well-known not only as a prime ski resort destination in the Inland Northwest but home to Silver Rapids Indoor Waterpark Resort. Open year-round to guests of the resort and the public as space allows, Silver Rapids features the always fun Flow Rider, where guests of all ages get the chance to surf the indoor wave, and the less-intense lazy river. There's the Moose Sluice water slide, the Hoop Lagoon for some basketball fun, as well as other activities. No matter the season, it's always summertime at Silver Rapids Indoor Waterpark Resort.

610 Bunker Ave. | Kellogg, ID
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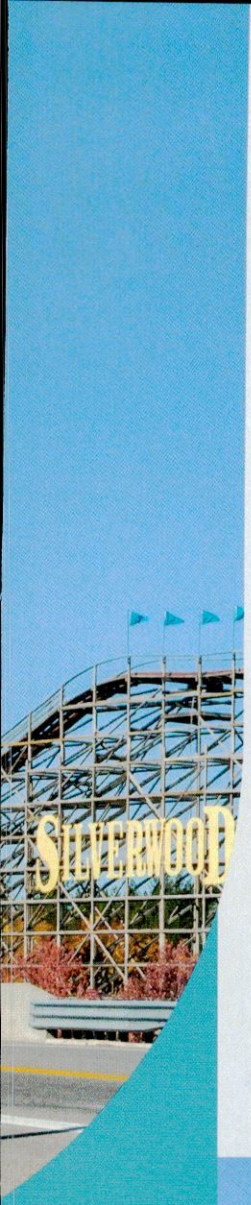
SilverMt.com



SILVERWOOD THEME PARK & BOULDER BEACH

Silverwood Theme Park in Athol, Idaho, draws visitors from both near and far ready for thrills and excitement all summer long. This amusement park offers rides for all ages. For the youngsters, there's the Carousel, Butterfly, Flying Elephants and Puppy-Go-Round (and more of course!). For the bigger kids and adults, there's everything from the high-intensity Cork Screw, Panic Plunge and Spincycle to Timber Terror and Tremors. Boulder Beach offers fun in the sun with two large wave pools and a variety of water slides. And a day at Silverwood wouldn't be complete without all the food and treats available throughout the property. Come October, the park transforms into Scarywood each weekend throughout the month.

27843 N. Hwy 95 | Athol, ID
208.683.3400
Info@silverwoodthemepark.com | SilverwoodThemePark.com

SKATE PLAZA

Skate Plaza is a roller skating haven, offering endless fun on wheels for all ages. Lace up your roller skates or blades and glide across the spacious rink, perfect for beginners and seasoned skaters alike. With vibrant music, disco lights and a friendly atmosphere, it's an ideal spot for parties, family outings and date nights. The snack bar provides refreshments to keep you energized, and the arcade area offers additional entertainment. Come and experience the joy of roller skating at Skate Plaza, where good times and laughter are always on the agenda.

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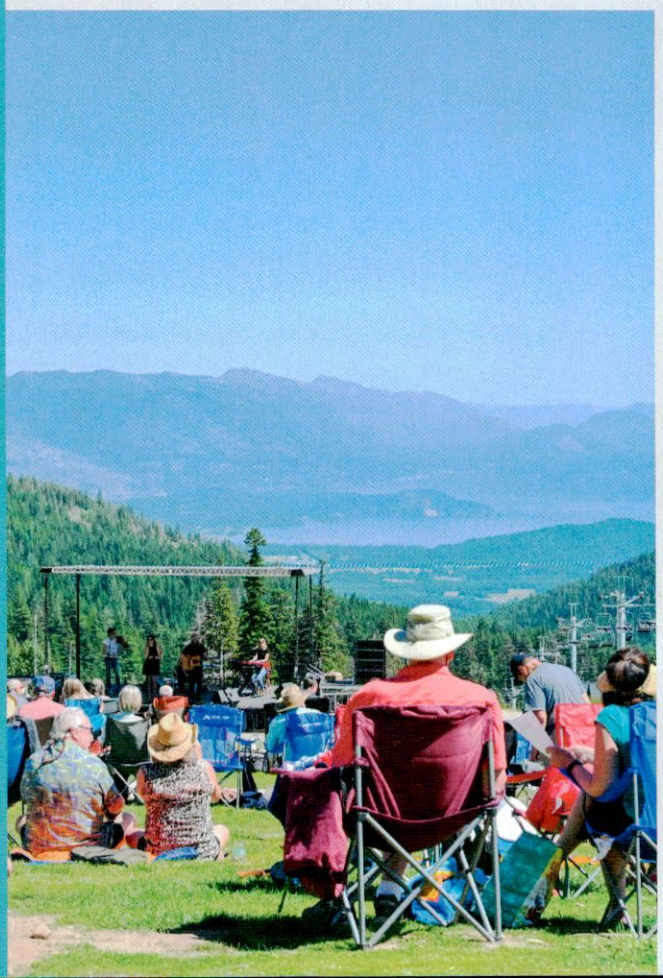


CHAOS ARCADE

Retro Feels + Modern Thrills: A gamer's paradise

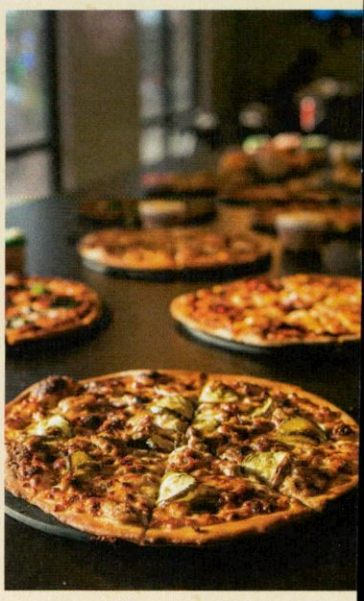
by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Born in Singapore, Beverly Lee moved to the U.S. many years ago. She's lived in big cities across Asia, Europe and the U.S., most recently Denver, Colorado, before she and her husband Eric relocated to Spokane for his work in 2019.

Though Beverly's background is in economics and chemistry, working in the energy and mining industry — with her work experience including everything from mining and clean energy research to oil and gas — she pursued a new endeavor and opened Chaos Arcade in Spokane.

"I've moved a lot in my life and have always firmly believed in integrating myself into the community," Beverly reflects. "I'm a gamer, and with all the problems out there, I wanted a place that was an escape from all the problems floating in the world; something where I could bring joy to the community and have it be my career."

Opened in March of 2021, Chaos Arcade offers 90-plus arcade games ranging from the old-school games and Skee Ball to modern ticket games. "We also have a fair amount of import games and, with that, a strong gamer community who are fans of these import race/rhythm games," she shares. "On top of that, we have our free-roam arena that offers a multiplayer tetherless experience. Gamers can choose from arcade-style games in VR that focus more on shooters and mini games, or they can choose a longer VR escape room experience."



All the gaming excitement is sure to work up an appetite, so Chaos Arcade offers pizzas, house-made cupcakes and a wide selection of beverages (including espresso drinks, frappes, energy Italian sodas, beer, wine, seltzers, and boba — including alcoholic boba) from their café. "We're big on parties as well for those wanting to pass on the hassle of planning to someone else," Beverly adds. "We've done everything from birthdays to corporate events — and we even hosted a wedding reception at the arcade!"

Chaos Arcade is also well-known for their prize booth and the uniqueness and quality of their prize selection. "It's very much a labor of love, as I personally hand pick all our prizes from dozens of vendors," Beverly smiles.

Since first opening, Chaos Arcade has been voted the Inlander's Best Arcade each and every year! In 2024, they were also awarded Inlander's Best Spot for a Kid's Birthday, which, Beverly acknowledges, "was a huge honor, as there are so many wonderful family friendly spots in Spokane."

Beverly recently hired a full-time kitchen manager who brings with her more than a decade of experience in fine dining and more than 30 years of kitchen experience. "We are excited to be working toward an elevated and affordable menu that gamers and foodies will enjoy," she notes. "I really hope that we will be able to showcase some of my favorite foods from my hometown in Singapore someday!"

She teased that soon they will be piloting an all-you-can-eat brunch offering on weekends. "Buffet-style brunches are not very common in Spokane; you'll be hard pressed to find a place where you can eat all the breakfast food you want and sip on some of the best boba in town — all while you game your heart out."

When it comes to what Beverly finds most rewarding about this endeavor, it's the community. "As an owner operator, it's been incredible to watch some of our regulars become friends and to see some of them even start to date. I love that we even have different groups of gamers who have taken it upon themselves to start their own discord and be so welcoming to others wanting to learn the various games we have to offer."

For those gamers looking for retro feels and modern thrills, plus great food and drink, Beverly invites you to check out Chaos Arcade in North Spokane.

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Summer and Fall DELIGHTS

Exploring the Inland Northwest's Vibrant Events Scene

The Inland Northwest bursts with life during summer and fall, offering a tapestry of events for all. From bustling festivals and charming fairs to invigorating marathons and food celebrations, there's something for everyone. Farmers markets, from Bonners Ferry to Spokane, showcase local bounty and community spirit. Outdoor music series fill the air with melodies, inviting all to sway and enjoy. Whether you're a local or a visitor, these gatherings epitomize the region's warmth and diversity. Dive into the vibrant tapestry of events and make lasting memories in the heart of the Inland Northwest.

JUNE 2024

08-09 | **Sandpoint Renaissance Faire**
SandpointRenFaire.com

14-15 | **Car d'Lane**
CdADowntown.com

14-15 | **Spokatopia**
Spokatopia.com

15 | **CHAFE 150 Gran Fondo**
CHAFE150.org

23 | **IRONMAN 70.3 Coeur d'Alene**
Ironman.com/im703-coeur-dalene

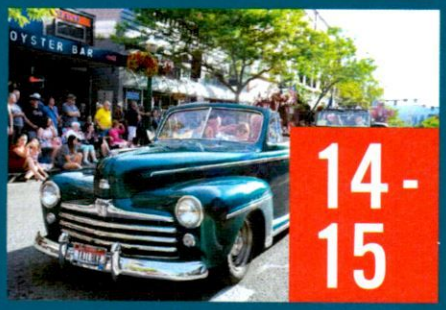
27 | **Sandpoint Summer Sampler**
SandpointChamber.org

28-30 | **Summerfest**
Eureka-Institute.org

29-30 | **Spokane Hoopfest**
SpokaneHoopfest.net

SANDPOINT RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Merriment abounds as the annual Sandpoint Renaissance Faire returns for its sixth year. From 10am to 6pm on both Saturday, June 8, and Sunday, June 9, guests will be taken back in time at the Renaissance Faire, held at the Bonner County Fairgrounds in Sandpoint. Enjoy two full days of chivalry, excitement, fine entertainment and vendors. Tickets at the gate are $18 for adults, $14 for seniors and children 6 to 17. Children 5 and younger get in free. *SandpointRenFaire.com*

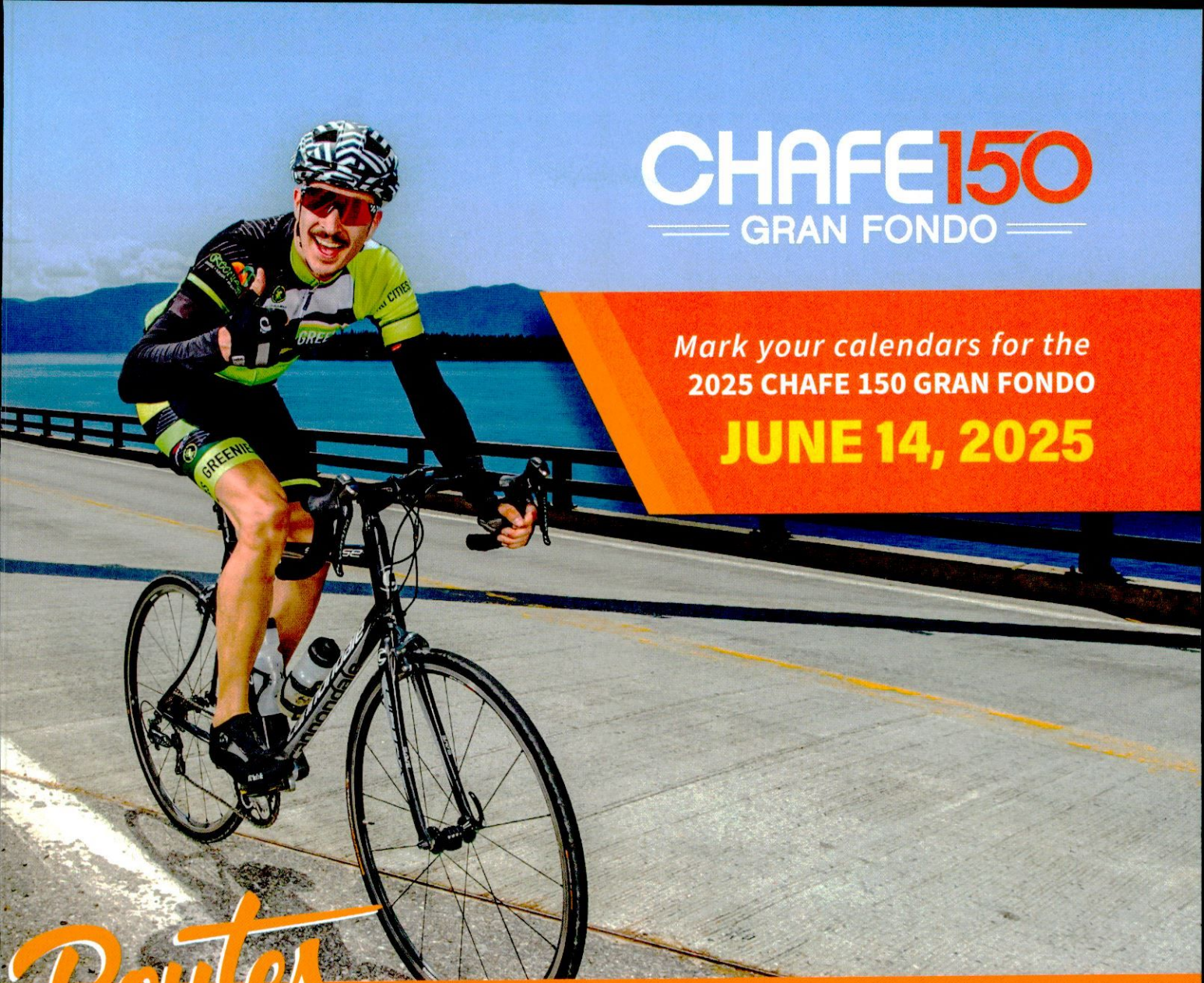


CAR D'LANE CLASSIC CAR WEEKEND

It's the kickoff to summer all ages look forward to each year over Father's Day weekend — the annual Car d'Lane. Jump back in and experience the largest classic car cruise in North Idaho Friday night, June 14! Then, get up close at the show on Saturday, June 15, and take a look under the hoods of these one-of-a-kind classics. Fun for the entire family will continue all day Saturday including Coeur d'Moto Alley, a Poker Walk, People's Choice Voting, Young Builders Alley and more! *CdADowntown.com*

SPOKANE HOOPFEST

The largest three-on-three outdoor basketball tournament in the world, Spokane's annual Hoopfest features more than 6,000 teams, 3,000 volunteers, 225,000 fans and 422 courts spanning 45 city blocks! Whether you are a player, a volunteer or a fan, Spokane Hoopfest has a place for you to enjoy the energy of thousands of games played throughout the last weekend in June. For those interested in playing, volunteering or sponsoring the event, you can find all the information you need online. *SpokaneHoopfest.net*



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JULY 2024

6 | **7th Annual Brewfest**
CdADowntown.com

11 - 13 | **Crave!**
CraveNW.com

17 - 20 | **Kootenai River Days**
VisitBonnersFerry.org

20 - 21 | **Northwest Winefest**
Schweitzer.com

JULY 25 - AUG 04 | **Festival at Sandpoint**
FestivalatSandpoint.com

7TH ANNUAL BREWFEST

Enjoy some delicious cold brews on a hot summer day in downtown Coeur d'Alene on Saturday, July 6. From 1 to 7pm, the seventh annual Brewfest makes its way to McEuen Park, where attendees can sample a wide variety of beers and ciders, enjoy a great selection of food, yard games and live music. Tickets include six 5-ounce beer pours and a commemorative pint glass. Extra beer pours will be available for purchase. Admission is free for designated drivers and children who are accompanied by a ticket holder. *CdADowntown.com*

KOOTENAI RIVER DAYS

Mark your calendar for July 17 through 20 for Bonners Ferry's annual Kootenai River Days, a celebration of community and camaraderie. Over the four days of fun festivities, attendees will have a variety of opportunities to experience some true summer fun. From food vendors and the farmers market, to the street dance and 5k/10k River Run, Wine Walk and more ... you won't want to miss this wonderful community event in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. *VisitBonnersFerry.org*

FESTIVAL AT SANDPOINT

This is the summer music festival not to miss! Festival at Sandpoint promises to be an unforgettable live music experience in a beautiful outdoor setting under the stars on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille at Memorial Field, featuring a variety of popular musicians. The season lineup features Blues Traveler, An Evening with Violent Femmes, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue with Big Boi, Maren Morris, Lee Brice with Madeline Merlo, Jason Mraz & The Superband with Molly Miller Trio, Colbie Callet and Gavin Degraw, and more! *FestivalatSandpoint.com*

AUGUST 2024

01 - 04 | **Festival at Sandpoint**
FestivalatSandpoint.com

02 - 04 | **Art on the Green**
ArtontheGreenCdA.com

02 - 04 | **Downtown Coeur d'Alene Street Fair**
CdADowntown.com

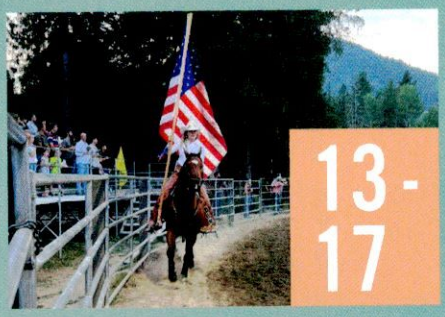
13 - 17 | **Bonner County Fair & Rodeo**
BonnerCountyFair.com

16 - 25 | **North Idaho State Fair**
NISFair.fun

17 | **Unity in the Community**
NWUnity.org

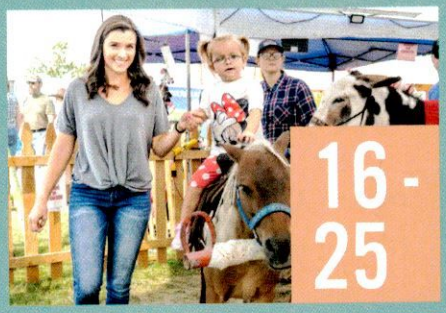
AUG 28 - SEPT 02 | **Pig out in the Park**
PigOutinthePark.com

AUG 30 - SEPT 02 | **Fall Fest**
Schweitzer.com



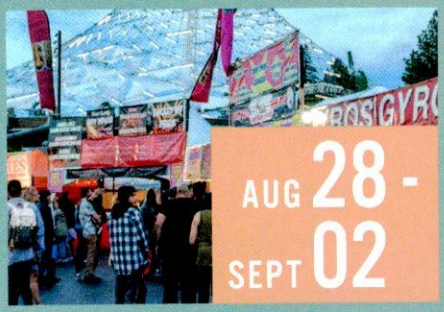
BONNER COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

2024 marks the 98th annual Bonner County Fair, which returns to the Bonner County Fairgrounds in Sandpoint August 13 through 17. This year's theme? Country Roots & Cowboy Boots. The Bonner County Fair greets approximately 15,000 to 20,000 guests each year, providing entertainment and activities for all ages and highlighting agriculture, animals and exhibits, food booths and grandstand events. It's a great way to spend a summer day in Sandpoint. *BonnerCountyFair.com*



NORTH IDAHO STATE FAIR

Fun Galore in 2024! Carnival rides, entertainment, fair food, 4-H and FFA shows, and more, is what you'll find at the North Idaho State Fair. And you can't forget about the awesome arena events, like Big Air at the Fair, Monster Truck Shows, Demolition Derby and Party in the Dirt Concert Series. Held at the Kootenai County Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene, mark your calendars for August 16 through 25, where you'll enjoy 10 fun-filled days for all ages. *NISFair.fun*



PIG OUT IN THE PARK

Spokane's favorite six-day food and free music festival returns August 28 through September 2. Held at Riverfront Park, celebrate the end of summer over Labor Day weekend with great food, fun and entertainment at Pig Out in the Park. The 2024 event will feature 50 foods booths, 250 menu items, 35 public market booths, 112 free concerts on four stages, and four adult beverage gardens. The fun takes place from 11am to 10pm daily! *PigOutinthePark.com*

SEPTEMBER 2024

01 - 02 | **Pig Out in the Park**
PigOutinthePark.com

06 - 15 | **Spokane County Interstate Fair**
TheSpokaneFair.com

09 - 14 | **WaCanId Ride**
WaCanId.org

15 | **Find Your Strength Fun Run**
BonnerGeneral.org/find-your-strength

20 - 22 | **Valleyfest**
Valleyfest.org

SPOKANE COUNTY INTERSTATE FAIR

The best way to celebrate the end of the summer, the Spokane County Interstate Fair returns for the 2024 season, kicking off September 6 and continuing through September 15. Whether you're looking for carnival rides, entertainment, animals, exhibitors, or food, the Spokane Interstate Fair has it all. 2024 highlights include acts Clay Walker with Eddie Montgomery, Ian Musick, and Flo Rida live in concert, PRCA Rodeo Nights, Demo Derby, Cornhole Tournament, and Art Walk. *TheSpokaneFair.com*

WACANID RIDE

The WaCanId is an annual Rotarian-supported bicycle tour taking cyclists on paved roads encircling the Selkirk Mountains of Washington, Canada and Idaho. During the six-day ride, cyclists will cover 395 miles, which showcases majestic mountains, beautiful lakes, rivers, and the world's longest free scenic ferry. For additional details about the WaCanId Ride, as well as the link to register to participate, visit their website. *WaCanId.org*

VALLEYFEST

Spokane Valley's premier community event since 1990, the three-day celebration kicks off with the Hearts of Gold Parade on Friday. During the festival, enjoy fun outdoor activities, food, music, and other family friendly events, like the pancake breakfast, car show, fishing at the falls, dance competition and multi-cultural event. This all-ages event is held across three locations: CenterPlace Regional Event Center, Mirabeau Point Park and Plantes Ferry Sports Complex. Admission is free to attend. *Valleyfest.org*

OCTOBER 2024

05-06 — **Halloween X-SPO**
HalloweenXSPO.com

05-28 — **Scarywood Haunted Nights**
ScarywoodHaunt.com

10 — **Washington State Park Free Days**
DiscoverPass.WA.gov

12 — **Hayden Lake Marathon**
HaydenLakeMarathon.org

14 — **Apple Fest**
DowntownSandpoint.com

18-20 — **Washington State Quilters Quilt Show**
WSQSpokane.org

19 — **Harvest Fest & Apple Palooza**
CdADowntown.com

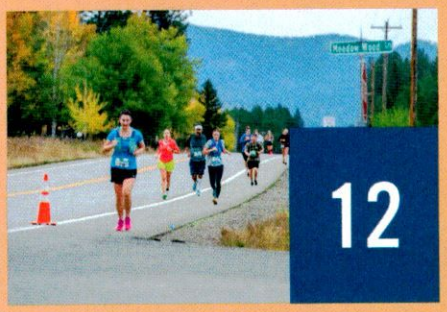
27 — **Halloween Hustle**
NSplit.com

HALLOWEEN X-SPO

Lilac City Comicon presents its second annual Halloween X-SPO in Spokane. Scheduled for October 5 and 6 at the Spokane Convention Center, Halloween X-SPO is an affordable and inclusive family event for all ages to enjoy and will feature spooky-themed photo booths, tarot card readings, live creature makeup demos, adult and youth cosplay contests, trick or treating, special guest actors and artists, more than 100 exhibitors and so much more. *HalloweenXSPO.com*

SCARYWOOD HAUNTED NIGHTS

It's Halloween all month long at Silverwood Theme Park in Athol, as it transforms from its happy summertime family destination into a nightmare that is sure to haunt you — Scarywood Haunted Nights. Experience a variety of haunted attractions, scare zones and most of Silverwood's signature rides in the dark. Scarywood 2024 kicks off Saturday, October 5, and continues every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night through October 28. *ScarywoodHaunt.com*



HAYDEN LAKE MARATHON

This annual marathon, 1/2 marathon and 1/4 marathon, and the recently added 5k course, takes place in Hayden Lake, offering runners breathtaking views while running past golf courses, lakes, horse pastures, farms and forests, finishing at Hayden Lake's Honeysuckle Beach. Mark your calendars for the Hayden Lake Marathon on Saturday, October 12, and register online today to take part in this beautiful fall run. *HaydenLakeMarathon.org*

NOVEMBER 2024

09 - 10 | **Fall Folk Festival**
SpokaneFolkFestival.org

16 | **Wines for the Holiday**
CdADowntown.com

22 - 24 | **Christmas Arts & Crafts Show**
CusterShows.com

28 | **Huffin' for the Stuffin' Turkey Trot**
NSplit.com

29 | **Lighting Ceremony, Parade & Fireworks**
CdADowntown.com

FALL FOLK FESTIVAL

The 29th annual Fall Folk Festival welcomes those young and old to help celebrate cultural diversity. Scheduled for November 9 and 10, be prepared for two days of family fun at The Lair at Spokane Community College. Hosted by the Spokane Folklore Society, the Fall folk Festival aims to bring people together to celebrate the bounty of local traditional music, showcasing the area's diversity through music and dance. Admission and parking are free! *SpokaneFolkFestival.org*

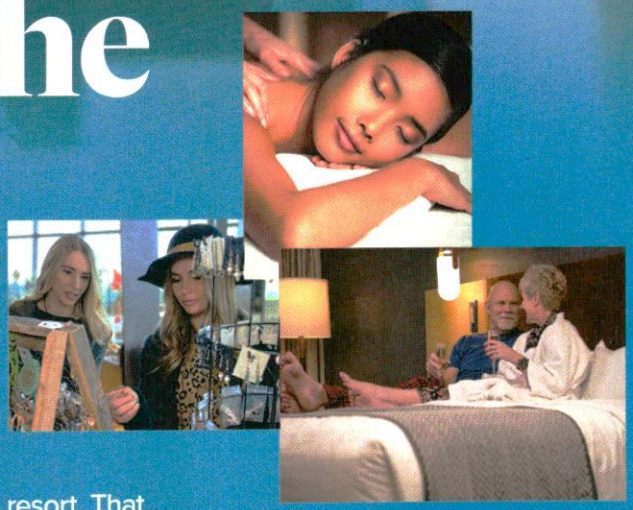
HUFFIN' FOR THE STUFFIN' TURKEY TROT

Gather your friends and family and get ready for the Huffin' for the Stuffin' turkey trot event put on by Negative Split. Choose from the 10k (starts at 8:50am) or the 5k (starts at 9am). Overall finishers (male/female) in each distance will receive a pumpkin pie! And they'll be raffling off a few extra pumpkin pies to some lucky winners. Race location, details and link to sign up can be found online. *NSplit.com*

LIGHTING CEREMONY, PARADE & FIREWORKS

Each year, the day after Thanksgiving, locals and visitors alike head downtown in Coeur d'Alene for the Lighting Ceremony, Parade and Fireworks show. All ages will enjoy this evening, replete with a holiday parade down Sherman Avenue starting at 5pm, followed by an incredible fireworks display over Lake Coeur d'Alene, and concluding with the lighting ceremony, in which more than 1.5 million lights brighten the area with a flip of a switch. *CdADowntown.com*

Don't forget the resort part.



After all, we are the Northwest's largest casino resort. That means there's all kinds of resort-ey stuff to do here after you're done gaming. Make a night of it with a room in one of our two luxury hotel towers. Have your fill at over a dozen restaurants and lounges. Relax at La Rive, our world-class day spa. Or shop some of your favorite brands at Windfall. Basically, whatever rolls your dice, we've got you covered.

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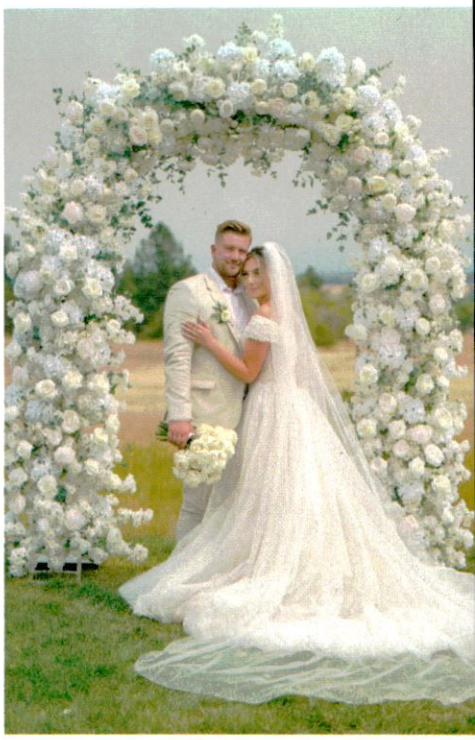


Lavender Manor

Beauty. Elegance. Luxury. Envision a wedding amongst the flowers at Lavender Manor

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Sandra Shuff is no stranger to the world of weddings. Her career began more than 40 years ago at age 17 working as an assistant to a church wedding coordinator. Ten years later, after moving to another state, Sandra became the primary wedding coordinator for another church — an easy transition with a decade of experience. After moving to Seattle eight years later, she became a wedding planner and loved the creativity that came with it.

Designing and planning for her own venue — Lavender Manor in Deer Park, Washington — began in 2010, planting fields of lavender for the venue, which took a few years to both plant and grow. Sandra held her first weddings on the property in 2015. As Sandra explains, "Lavender Manor continues to change, grow and mature more each year because I have an ultimate vision I am aiming to achieve."

Lavender Manor can be as simple as the grounds for an elopement; an intimate ceremony for six hours with photos, cake cutting and appetizers for 30 people; an eight-hour wedding ceremony and reception for 50; or a 10-hour package for 100 to 500 guests with full staff. "Our all-inclusive packages are customized to meet the needs of each couple," Sandra adds. "We also have the extra special option for the couple to depart via helicopter after one of the many send-off options at the end of the day!"

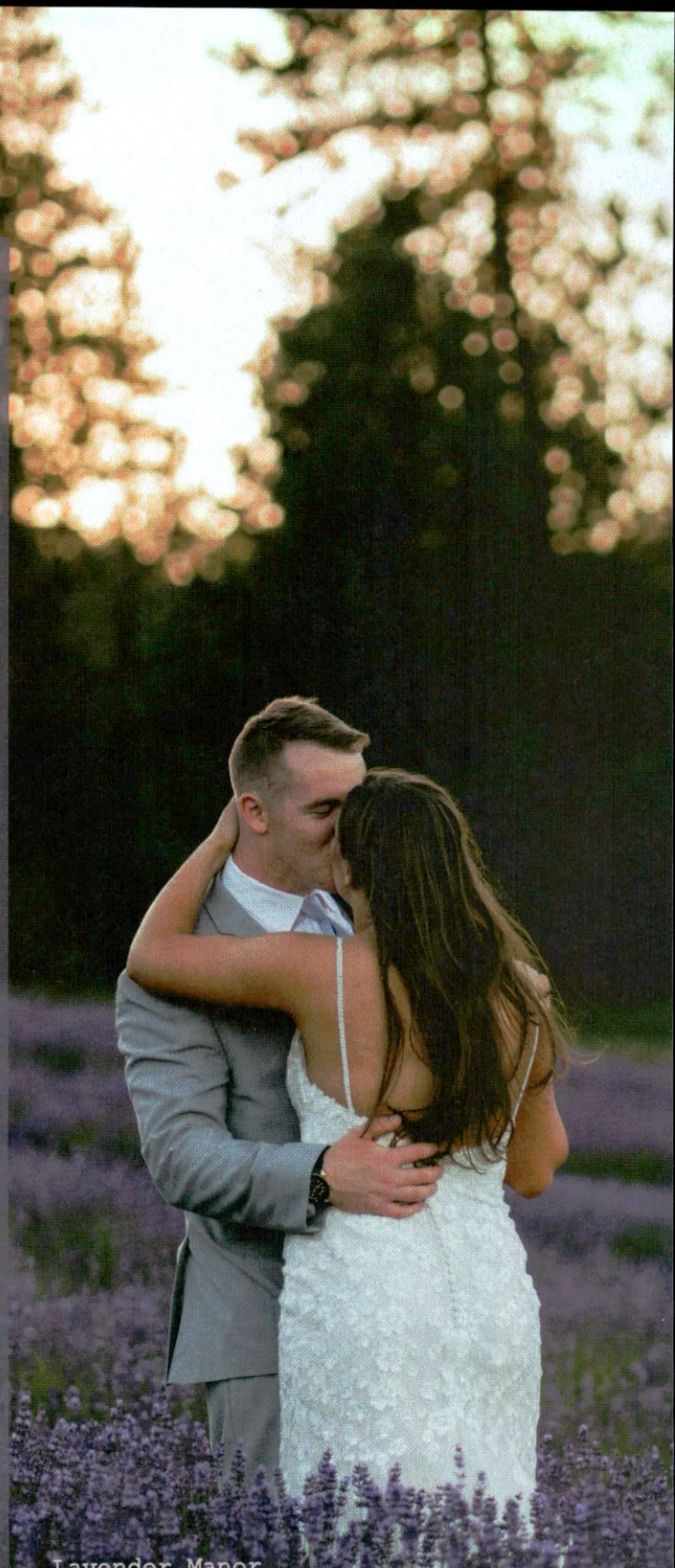
The venue is close to town while serenely located in a beautiful country setting — one of the largest organic lavender farms in the country! — with 180-degree views overlooking Wild Rose Prairie with Mt. Spokane as the backdrop. A spectacular setting for any wedding or event. When the trees, grounds and facilities are lit up at night, it adds a magical element to the property. When needed, the 3,200-square-foot tent, with clear sides, protects guests from the weather without impeding the desirable view.

What really sets Lavender Manor apart is the care and attention that Sandra devotes to her couples. She will be by their side every step of the way, from planning, vendors, layouts, all while maintaining a calm experience throughout the process and a stress-free day-of celebration for the couple and their friends and family. Her love for her couples and all things weddings shines through. Sandra works hard to ensure each wedding is intentionally unique, so it is special to each couple.

"As a lifelong wedding professional, my most rewarding part of owning a wedding venue is to create the location, amenities, options, atmosphere and opportunity to fulfill the wedding vision and dreams of my couples," Sandra smiles. "To see the look on a groom's face as his bride walks down the aisle or experiencing a father tear up as he walks his daughter down the aisle still brings tears to my eyes. And the children always charm me as they take their special jobs seriously. I love the joy at rehearsal as everyone comes together in anticipation of what is to come on the wedding day. To be part of a new family coming together is an honor I never take for granted. I feel it is a calling in my life."

In addition to weddings, Lavender Manor makes a lovely backdrop to many special occasions, from wedding and baby showers to special anniversary parties or renewals. Birthday parties and family reunions are especially fun with all the space for yard games. "Booking Lavender Manor for your corporate meetings and events allows company staff to celebrate, learn and plan in an environment that feels removed from the daily stress of work while only a short drive from the office, and educational workshops offer a relaxed atmosphere that allows students to focus and learn without the distractions of regular life," Sandra remarks.

Sandra invites you to schedule a visit or tour to Lavender Manor for the opportunity to visualize what your event could be amongst the fields of lavender.



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Med Spas Shine in the *Inland Northwest*

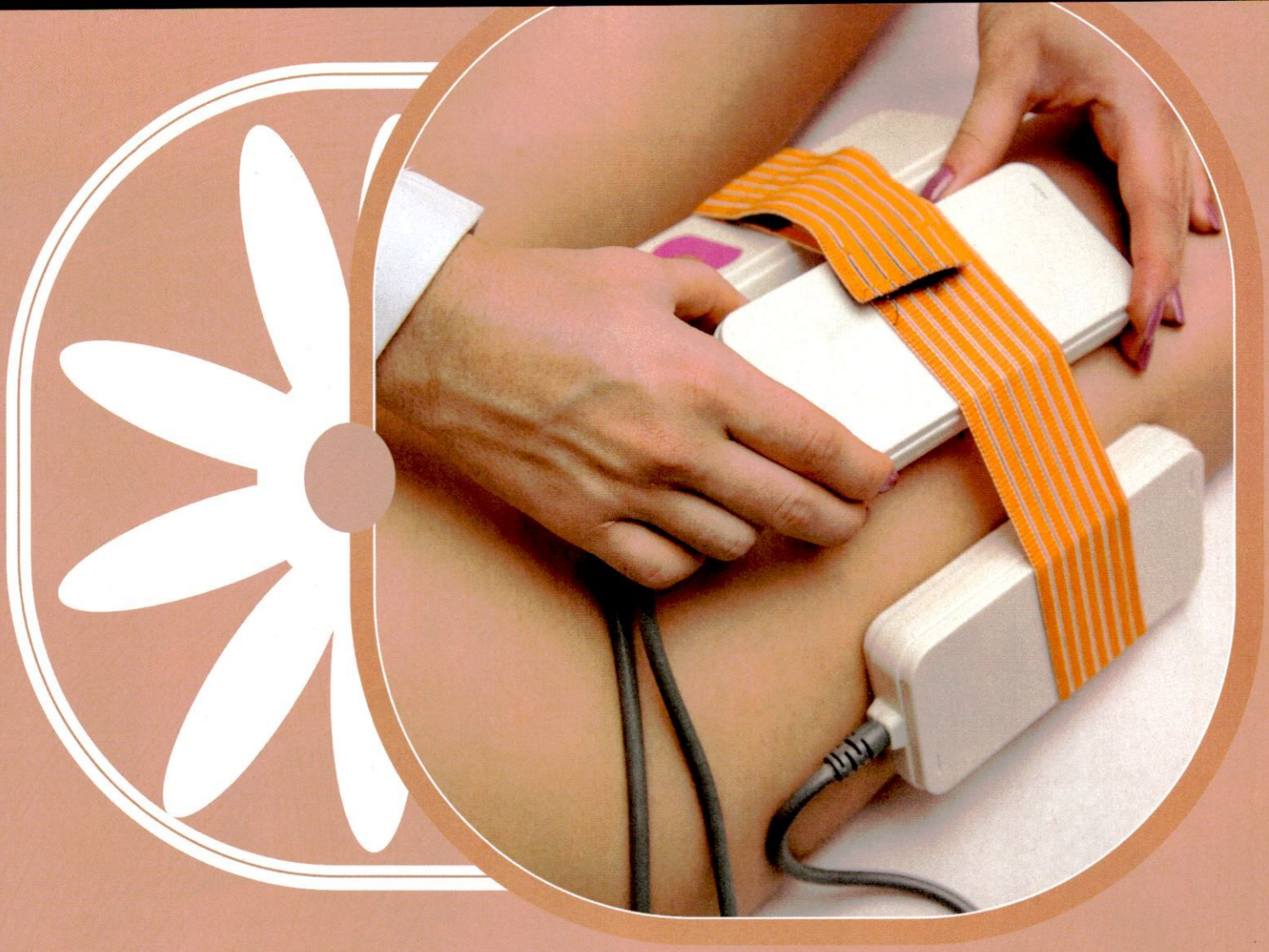
Transform your physique with body contouring

by **PATRICE ALLEN**

The landscape of personal aesthetics is ever-evolving, sparking transformative experiences for those who engage. Have you ever envisioned a more contoured, refined version of yourself? Body contouring is not a fleeting trend; it's an investment in oneself. Over the past few years, Inland Northwest residents and visitors, from Spokane throughout North Idaho, have witnessed a proliferation of med spas, offering a suite of body-contouring services.

Body contouring has soared as a regional specialty throughout North Idaho and Spokane's burgeoning med spa scene. With sophisticated technologies and tailored programs, these centers are rallying points for self-enhancement. At the heart of this revolution, highly trained professionals employ devices like CoolSculpting and radiofrequency treatments to reshape contours and refine bodily aesthetics, affirming the body's sculptural potential without surgery. Exclusivity and results drive this upswing as people increasingly trust area specialists to sculpt their physique into art.

The Inland Northwest's med spas are at the forefront of innovative body sculpting, employing cutting-edge technology to non-invasively redefine one's physique. Each device tells a story of precision, comfort and tailored outcomes, underpinning a transformative journey for every client.



These med spas harness tools like cryolipolysis, also known as CoolSculpting, and high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU), which collaborate synergistically to break down fat cells and stimulate collagen production, respectively. This dual approach not only eliminates unwanted fat but also enhances skin elasticity.

Advanced methodologies such as laser lipolysis and radiofrequency have revolutionized how med spas sculpt the body. These techniques, less intrusive than traditional surgery, promise a significant reduction in recovery time — thus empowering clients to return swiftly to their daily routines. Non-invasive treatments can equal the results of their surgical counterparts, without the downtime.

Personalized Treatment Plans

At the epicenter of body contouring innovation, area professionals curate individual strategies to align with unique aesthetic goals:

Initial Consultation: *Understand specific concerns and desired results.*
Customized Protocols: *Tailor treatments using techniques like cryolipolysis or HIFU.*
Adaptive Scheduling: *Flexible timetables accommodate clients' lifestyles.*
Progress Monitoring: *Regular assessments to ensure optimal outcomes.*
Complementary Services: *Suggest additional treatments to enhance body sculpting efforts.*

Integral to the process is continuous dialogue, ensuring treatment responsiveness to evolving bodily contours. Ongoing optimization of treatment plans dynamically addresses each client's journey, reflecting an ethos of precision care and excellence.

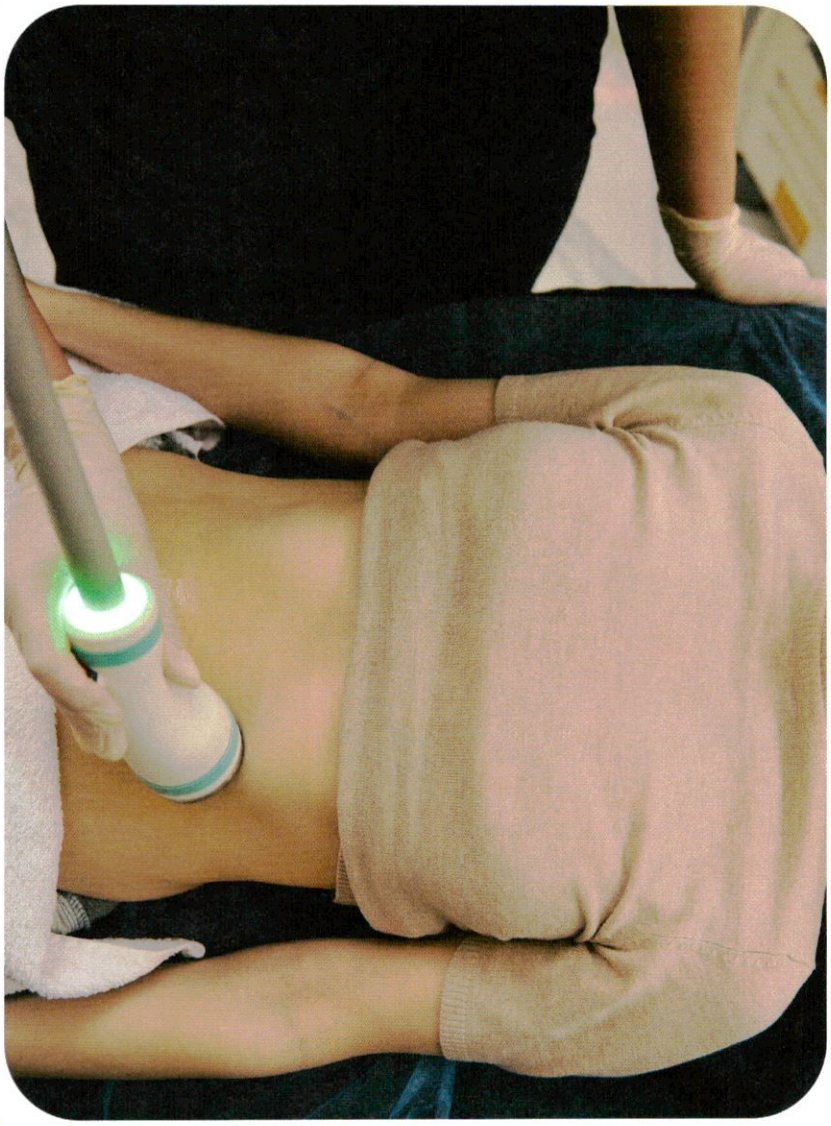
Cutting-Edge Contouring Techniques

In the pursuit of excellence, area med spas offer revolutionary body contouring procedures that significantly transcend traditional methods. Techniques such as laser-assisted lipolysis create a meticulous platform for fat reduction and sculpting that is precise to the millimeter. Utilizing energy-based devices to target adipose tissue, practitioners can reshape contours with an extraordinary level of detail and predictability, eschewing invasive approaches.

Integrating state-of-the-art technology with aesthetic expertise results in a spectrum of contouring possibilities once thought unattainable. Modalities like radiofrequency (RF) and high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) deliver heat deeply into subcutaneous layers, stimulating collagen production, and promoting tissue tightening without scalpels or sutures. The treatment footprint of these non-invasive methods is broad, capable of addressing myriad areas of the body with markedly reduced downtime, heralding a new era of body refinement.

Non-Invasive Options

The landscape of aesthetic enhancement is being reshaped by the advent of non-invasive body contouring technologies, providing patients with transformative results without the need for surgical



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intervention. These cutting-edge techniques redefine and streamline the silhouette with minimal discomfort and downtime.

Clinically advanced modalities such as cryolipolysis utilize controlled cooling to target and eliminate adipose cells, while safeguarding surrounding tissues. This innovative approach ensures a gradual reshaping of the body's contours without necessitating any incisions.

Non-surgical radiofrequency treatments and electromagnetic muscle stimulation work synergistically to reduce fat layers and fortify muscle tone, offering a comprehensive solution to body sculpting. These treatments are adept at contouring various areas on the body, leaving an enhanced physique without the typical postoperative recuperation.

Patients seeking to redefine their form now have access to a suite of non-invasive options, as these med spas are equipped with the latest technology for fat reduction, skin tightening and muscle toning. Rigorous clinical trials have substantiated these methods as safe and efficacious alternatives to traditional

surgery, allowing for a tailored approach to each individual's aesthetic goals. Consequently, they stand as a testament to the extraordinary progress within the sphere of contemporary cosmetic medicine.

Minimally Invasive Procedures

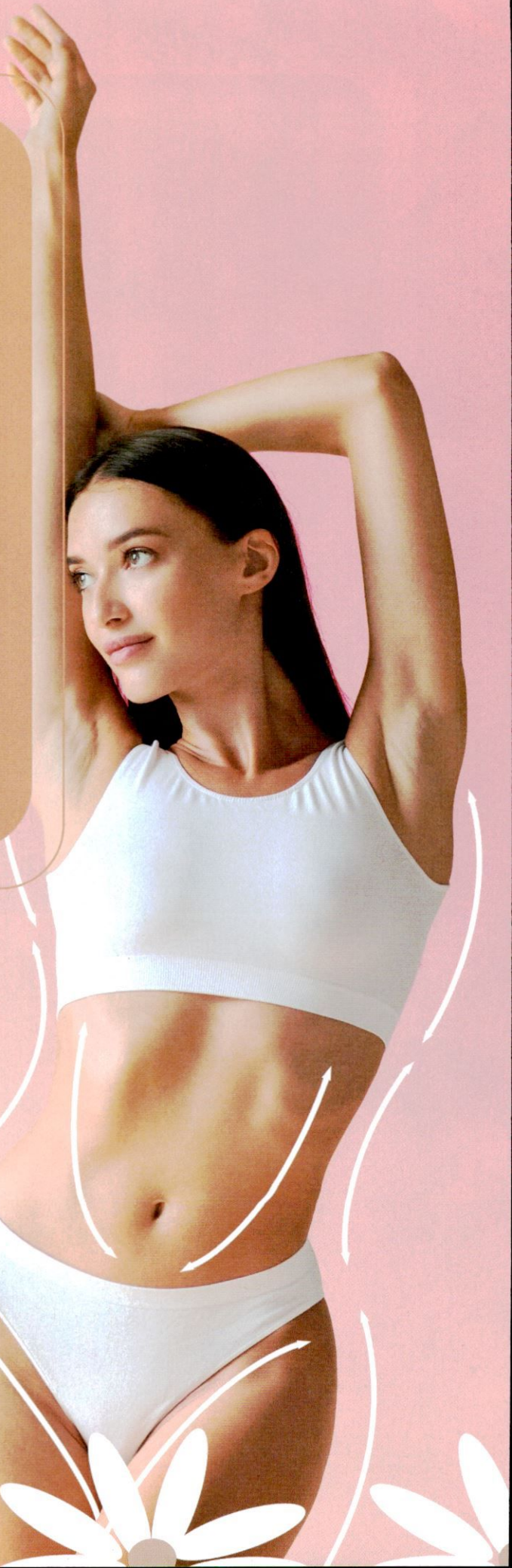
Body contouring technologies have evolved significantly, providing treatments that are precise, controlled, and result in minimal discomfort. These procedures typically offer reduced healing times compared to conventional surgery, signifying a revolution within aesthetic health care.

Today's minimally invasive treatments require only superficial skin entry points. Recovery is swifter, and there's a diminished risk of complications.

In particular, laser lipolysis stands out for its ability to disrupt fat cells while promoting collagen production. Procedures such as SmartLipo deliver this technology with pinpoint accuracy.

Additionally, injectable treatments like Kybella dissolve submental fat, offering a non-surgical alternative to explicit contouring. These injectables target the underlying causes of fat accumulation, refining the silhouette with fewer systemic effects.

Other advancements include subdermal radiofrequency therapy, which tightens the skin by stimulating collagen and elastin production. This method offers a two-fold benefit: fat reduction and skin rejuvenation.



Patients interested in these services should consult their med spa's licensed practitioners. They can provide a bespoke plan that aligns with one's objectives and physiological profile, ensuring optimal and harmonious results.

Beyond Weight Loss: Aesthetic Enhancement

The realm of body contouring offers more than just weight loss; it's a multi-dimensional aesthetic transformation. By intricately shaping the body's contours and reviving the skin's vitality, these services offer individuals a chance to reshape not just their figure but also bolster self-perception and confidence. In an age where appearance and well-being are intertwined, body contouring is an art form that harmonizes the external shell with the internal sense of self.

The Journey to a More Confident You

Embarking on body contouring procedures is a step toward self-transformation and enhanced well-being. Advanced non-surgical treatments sculpt and redefine physiques, promising a pathway to improved body confidence and self-perception. The metamorphosis through contouring technologies reflects not merely a change of form but an evolution in one's bodily narrative.

Emotional Benefits of Body Contouring

Body contouring goes beyond the physical alterations, seeding a profound emotional resurgence within one's sense of self. It marks the starting point of a renewed self-image, fostering a deeper connection with one's body and its potential.

For many, the transformation attained through non-invasive body contouring signifies a pinnacle of personal achievement, catalyzing a more positive outlook on life. This shift often manifests as heightened self-esteem, an enriched sense of bodily autonomy, and the capacity to experience life's offerings with greater confidence. The exterior changes induced by these treatments mirror internal progress, symbolizing the transcending of former self-limitations. This newfound acceptance can substantially diminish the mental weight of self-conscious concerns.

Embarking on body contouring is an initiation into sustained personal care. It prompts an ongoing commitment, ensuring the results are preserved and enhanced over time. Ultimately, the shift to a more conscious way of living ensures that the gains from body contouring are not fleeting but are a catalyst for lasting wellness and vitality.

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Celebrating 15 Years of Holistic Beauty and Wellness with Signature Aesthetics

Expanding horizons with their new Sandpoint location

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Founded in 2009 by visionary Nancy Andrews, RN-C, Signature Aesthetics, a distinguished medical aesthetics establishment, with locations in Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene, has strived to be the Pacific Northwest's leading aesthetic and wellness destination.

"Over the years, as technology and techniques have improved, we've been able to adopt many state-of-the art aesthetic treatments, as well as equipment, in order to provide various advanced treatments to our clients," Nancy explains. "We also are providing many health and wellness services including hormone balancing and weight loss programs."

As Sandpoint is known to be a very health-conscious community, the team at Signature Aesthetics continues to promote healthy living and values to their clients to help each person achieve the best version of themselves.

A career spanning four decades within the nursing field, with a distinct focus on aesthetics since 1996, Nancy has garnered invaluable expertise across a diverse array of hospital departments, including intensive care, emergency rooms, home health, obstetrics, surgical units, and even a high-stakes helicopter emergent flight program. While director at Ponderay Surgery Center, Nancy made substantial contributions to the realm of aesthetic, cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgeries and procedures.

Nancy is joined at Signature Aesthetics by her son Graham Andrews, NP-C, who has been working in the medical field since 2005 in diverse areas of medicine — neurology, intensive care, pre- and post-surgery, nephrology, internal medicine, urgent care, and wellness and

aesthetic medicine. He joined the practice in 2017, becoming Signature Aesthetics' medical director in 2021. As a nurse practitioner, Graham is able to diagnose, treat and prescribe independently in the state of Idaho. His diverse medical background working in various medical fields allows him to create personal and individualized treatment plans with his patients. Examples of treatments he performs, in addition to aesthetic treatments, are Botox for migraines, bioidentical hormone replacement, and PRP joint injections for arthritic joints.

Signature Aesthetics specializes in neurotoxins, dermal fillers, body contouring, skin rejuvenation, lasers, vascular treatments, PRP treatments, skin peels, bioidentical hormone replacement and medical weight loss. You can visit their website to explore all of the services and techniques they offer.

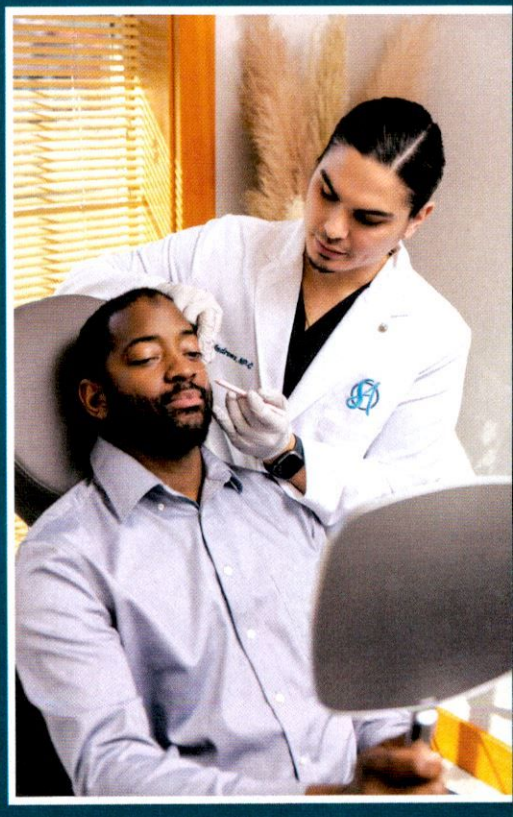
What truly sets Signature Aesthetics apart is not only Nancy and Graham's experience in the field, and the holistic approach they take when treating their patients; add in their state-of-the-art equipment and the fact that they and their clinicians are always staying current with evolving medical procedures, techniques and education.

As the practice has continued to grow over the last decade, so has the need for larger accommodations for their expanding clientele. Nancy and Graham are elated to share that Signature Aesthetics has made a new home in the building they purchased at 1202 North Division Avenue. The new office location provides better accessibility for clients — including more parking! The patient waiting area is now larger, allowing the accommodation of more clients, as well as making the check-in/check-out process seamless. In addition, their treatment rooms provide a very peaceful and relaxing atmosphere as they are remodeled to better suit Signature Aesthetics' services that they provide.

"We strive to address every patient's unique health and wellness goals, giving us the opportunity to have a positive impact on people's lives in a meaningful and fulfilling way," Graham explains. "Whether that's improving someone's confidence with prescription skin care or treating a patient's chronic migraines with neurotoxin, our patients often tell us that we have given them their life back."

As Sandpoint natives, Nancy and Graham give back to this beautiful place they call home. Signature Aesthetics has been a proud sponsor of many local events and supports groups like the local 4-H group, the Festival at Sandpoint, Sandpoint High School boys' basketball, and many others. Internationally, Nancy has traveled overseas to aid the S.M.I.L.E. organization in Africa, which helps provide dental care for underserved people.

"We are so excited for this new and thrilling chapter with the practice!" Nancy smiles. She invites you to follow Signature Aesthetics on Instagram and Facebook, where you can stay up to date with the practice, including monthly specials and events.



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Embracing Holistic Wellness

Discover the benefits of a natural approach to wellness for mind, body and soul

by **ELIZABETH RAY**

In today's fast-paced world, prioritizing holistic wellness has become increasingly important for maintaining balance and harmony in our lives. From chiropractic care and float spas to holistic practitioners and natural therapies, embracing a holistic approach to health offers a myriad of benefits for both mind and body.

Chiropractic Care: Aligning Body and Mind

Chiropractic care focuses on the relationship between the spine and nervous system and how this connection influences overall health. By gently adjusting misalignments in the spine, chiropractors aim to restore proper alignment and function, promoting the body's natural ability to heal itself. Regular chiropractic adjustments can alleviate pain, improve mobility and enhance overall well-being. Additionally, chiropractic care can help reduce stress and tension, leading to improved mental clarity and emotional balance.

Float Spas: Relaxation and Rejuvenation

Float spas offer a unique sensory deprivation experience that promotes deep relaxation and stress relief. By floating effortlessly in a tank filled with warm water and Epsom salt, individuals can experience profound physical and mental relaxation. The buoyancy of the water relieves pressure on joints and muscles, while the absence of external stimuli allows the mind to enter a state of deep meditation. Float therapy has been shown to reduce anxiety, improve sleep quality and enhance feelings of overall well-being.

Holistic Practitioners: Personalized Wellness Support

Holistic practitioners take a comprehensive approach to health, considering the interconnectedness of mind, body and spirit. These practitioners may include naturopathic doctors, herbalists, nutritionists and energy healers, among others. By addressing underlying imbalances and treating the whole person, holistic practitioners aim to support the body's innate healing abilities and promote long-term health and vitality. Through personalized treatment plans tailored to individual needs, holistic practitioners empower clients to take an active role in their health and well-being.

Natural Therapies: Harnessing the Power of Nature

Natural therapies encompass a wide range of modalities, including herbal medicine, acupuncture and aromatherapy, among others. These therapies utilize the healing properties of plants, minerals and other natural substances to promote health and wellness. Herbal medicine, for example, relies on the medicinal properties of herbs to treat various health conditions and support overall well-being. Similarly, acupuncture stimulates specific points on the body to promote balance and alleviate pain, while aromatherapy uses essential oils to enhance mood and relaxation.

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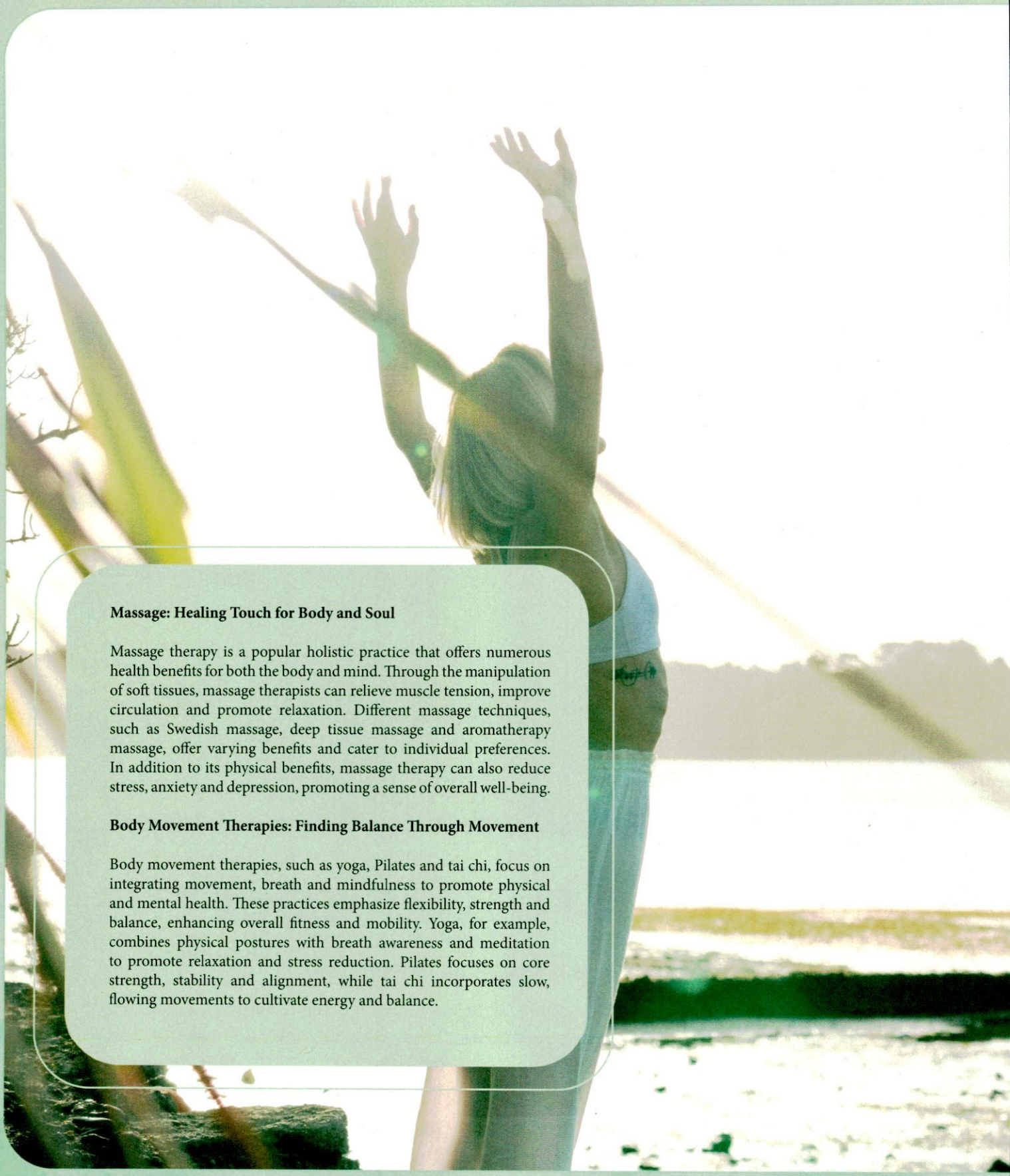


Massage: Healing Touch for Body and Soul

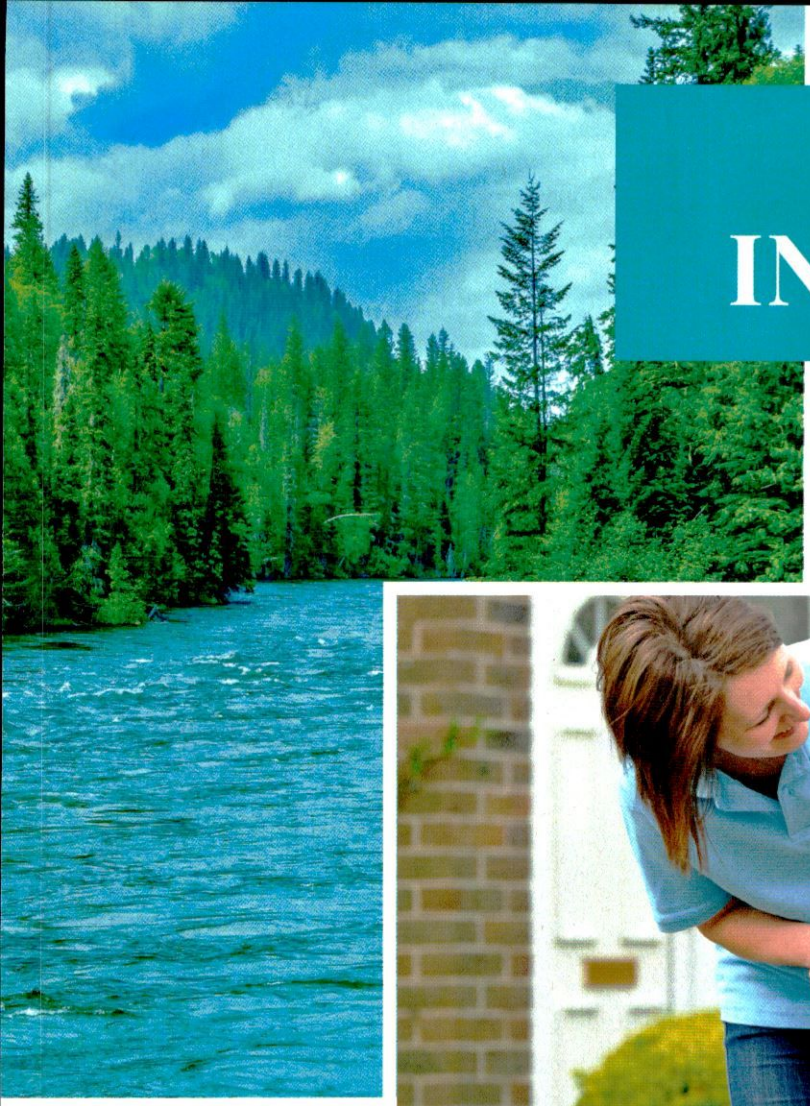
Massage therapy is a popular holistic practice that offers numerous health benefits for both the body and mind. Through the manipulation of soft tissues, massage therapists can relieve muscle tension, improve circulation and promote relaxation. Different massage techniques, such as Swedish massage, deep tissue massage and aromatherapy massage, offer varying benefits and cater to individual preferences. In addition to its physical benefits, massage therapy can also reduce stress, anxiety and depression, promoting a sense of overall well-being.

Body Movement Therapies: Finding Balance Through Movement

Body movement therapies, such as yoga, Pilates and tai chi, focus on integrating movement, breath and mindfulness to promote physical and mental health. These practices emphasize flexibility, strength and balance, enhancing overall fitness and mobility. Yoga, for example, combines physical postures with breath awareness and meditation to promote relaxation and stress reduction. Pilates focuses on core strength, stability and alignment, while tai chi incorporates slow, flowing movements to cultivate energy and balance.

Embracing Holistic Wellness: A Lifestyle Choice

Incorporating holistic wellness practices into your daily routine can have profound and lasting effects on your health and lifestyle. Whether you're seeking relief from chronic pain, stress reduction, or simply a greater sense of well-being, holistic approaches offer a natural and effective solution. By nurturing your body, mind and spirit, you can embark on a journey toward optimal health and vitality. Embrace holistic wellness as a lifestyle choice and discover the transformative power of a natural approach to health and well-being.



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Twenty-four years of experience. What this kind of experience means to owners Brandt and Melissa Weaver of AAging Better In-Home Care is that they have seen most situations firsthand that occur in a person's life which would require them to seek in-home care services. "Hardly anyone is ever prepared for this situation, but every one of us will encounter it at some point in our life," Brandt reminds. "Whether it be for our loved ones, or for ourselves, we will need this service at some point in our life. Choosing the right agency is a hard thing to do."

When making the decision on which agency to choose, Brandt encourages you to ask questions. Do you go with an agency that has paid 5-star reviews or spends the most on advertising? Do you pick the agency that has the highest rates? Do you go with an agency that is nationwide? Or do you go with someone who has been local for 20-plus years, seen it all, and is still a leader in their industry despite the push from much larger agencies?

AAging Better has been servicing the Inland Northwest for 24 years, and they have seen it all: ID Medicaid budget cuts; the nationwide caregiver shortage; the push of national agencies shutting down family owned agencies. "We have seen it and we have withstood it!" Brandt emphasizes. "Not only have we survived, but we became the area's largest family owned and operated in-home care agency throughout all of this. We became the largest by doing the right thing, all the time — no matter the cost to us."

AAging Better cares about their community, their clients and their caregivers. The Weavers' goal is to build those relationships that will allow the aged community to stay at home, where they are comfortable, safe and cared for. "The best goal we can hope for is to give back to those who gave us a community in the first place," Melissa explains.

At AAging Better, their intention is to help foster the best relationships they can — between those they serve and those whose passion is to take care of folks. "We strive to provide not just services but knowledge to our Veterans community and to empower them to count on the country they helped protect and serve; to have their back," Brandt affirms. "Many of our Veterans do not know these services are available to them. We want to change that … one caregiver at a time."

AAing Better In-Home Care's office staff is there to help 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anytime you call, you will speak to them personally, not an answering service. As Melissa shares, "You were here for us, now let us be here for you."

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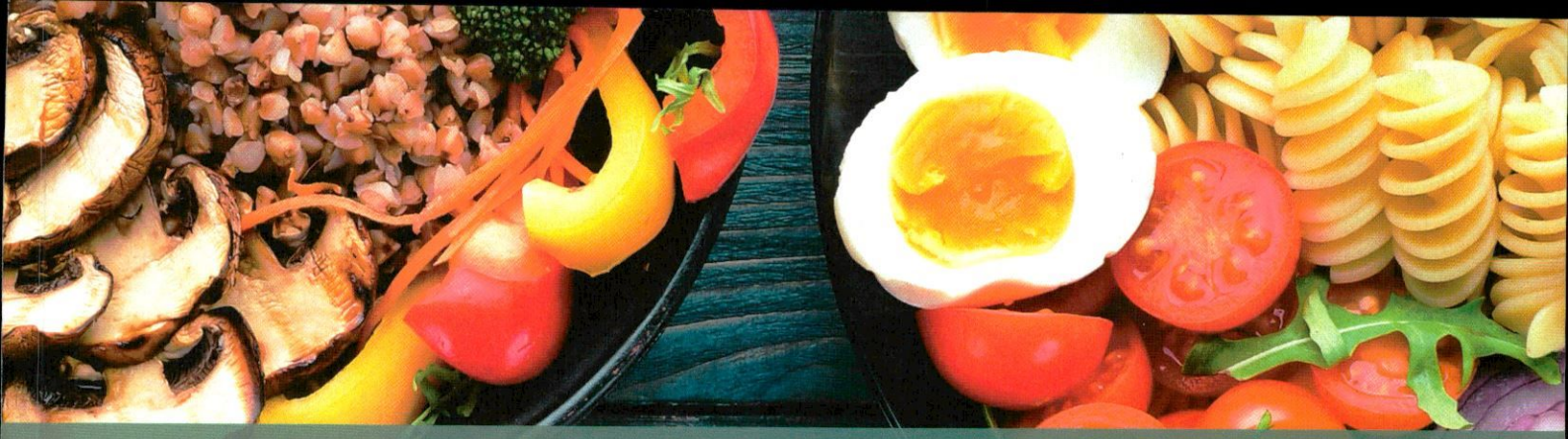

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As the sun casts its warm glow over the Inland Northwest, it's a call to embark on a culinary adventure right in our own backyard. While your go-to local spots beckon, why not venture a bit further to discover the culinary gems crafted by our talented local chefs?

From North Idaho to Spokane, a plethora of locally owned dining establishments awaits, alongside familiar national chains. Whether you're a local or a visitor, you'll find yourself immersed in a tantalizing array of flavors, from comforting homegrown dishes to international fare that transports you around the globe.

In this vibrant culinary landscape, menus proudly showcase the Northwest's cultural heritage, celebrating the bounty of local farmers and producers. Indulge in American classics, Southern comforts, zesty Cajun creations, elegant French dishes, or journey through Italian, Mediterranean, Indian, Chinese and Japanese cuisines. The options are as diverse as they are plentiful.

Whether you prefer dining in, taking out or ordering to-go, prepare your taste buds for a feast of flavors meticulously crafted with passion and served by seasoned professionals.

Complement your meal with a glass of local wine, cold brew, cider or craft cocktail, as our region boasts an abundance of wineries, breweries, distilleries and cider houses.

Whether you're in the mood for a laid-back, cozy eatery or an upscale fine-dining establishment, your ideal dining destination awaits. Embrace the chance to savor the ingenuity and tastes that define the Inland Northwest. From unique culinary adventures to beloved favorites, our region is a haven for food lovers, just waiting to be explored.

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Dining in North Idaho is a culinary adventure that complements the region's natural beauty. This area, known for its pristine lakes and lush forests, offers a diverse array of dining experiences. From charming lakeside restaurants to locally sourced farm-to-table gems, North Idaho's food scene promises a delightful fusion of nature and flavor.

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by JILLIAN CHANDLER

EXPERIENCE THE CULINARY STONE

Your one-stop destination for food, wine, shopping and so much more

From the moment you walk in the door, The Culinary Stone in Coeur d'Alene entices one's culinary senses; it's an experience unlike any other you'll find in the Inland Northwest. This unique specialty store encompasses a variety of shared experiences for the community — cooking classes, wine tastings, social club, events and more.

THE KITCHEN STORE

At the heart of The Culinary Stone is 3,000 square feet of home and kitchen retail products. The store serves as an abundant resource for the Coeur d'Alene community and surrounding areas to shop high-quality brands and top-of-the-line specialty kitchen items that suit the needs of any home. The Culinary Stone works with an extensive selection of local and nationwide vendors to offer a wide variety of gourmet foods, small appliances, pots and pans, kitchen supplies, cutlery, tableware, gifts, home goods and décor.

"It's a breathtaking space, and we've worked hard to fill it carefully with beautiful products," smiles James Culp, merchandising manager.

THE WINE

The Culinary Stone's robust wine program features a curated collection of wines from the Pacific Northwest, California, and spanning the world. The Wine Club offers a specialty tier that expertly pairs wines with gourmet goods, available to take home right from The Culinary Stone — the only wine program in the area with this offering! Unique educational and wine tasting opportunities with winemakers allow guests to learn about the wine directly from the makers themselves while exploring different varietals and tasting character profiles of the new and familiar. Their resident sommelier, Sharon Irvine, The Wine Maven, is a Certified American Wine Expert, holds a Level 2 Award in Wine and Spirits from Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET), and a Level 3 Award in Wines from WSET.

THE CLASSES

A variety of cooking classes are offered throughout the week, taught by professional chefs, as well as special guest chefs from restaurants in the surrounding area. During these classes, guests have the opportunity to explore their own skills in the kitchen, getting hands-on experience learning new, delightful cuisine from different cultures, with recipes to take home.

THE MARKETPLACE

The Culinary Stone's Marketplace celebrates its first anniversary in August 2024. Last year's renovation welcomed a more inviting space where customers can share a meal, work remotely, or enjoy a lovely libation at the end of the day. Now serving Evans Brothers Coffee, the menu features not only delightful pastries but specialty sandwiches (cold and hot), soups and refreshing salads.

This expansion drove the vision for the all-new Marketplace Social Club — a unique experience that brings together friends, neighbors and guests to share fun games while enjoying good food (like the new artisan charcuterie plates) and drinks (wine and craft beer by the glass, wine cocktails and mocktails), with live music filling the space during the weekends.

THE EVENTS

Speaking of live music … The Culinary Stone's most popular summer event series is back for another season — **BBQ & Bands**. Every Friday at 5pm, June through September, listen to live music featuring top local artists and relax outdoors on the spacious patio with beverage in hand while The Culinary Stone team grills up their favorite summer dishes.

The Culinary Stone is also a great space for hosting private events, including bridal parties and dinners, showers, business meetings or specialty classes.

"We want our guests to feel at home when they visit The Culinary Stone," expresses Lesa LeBeau, the new events manager and lead chef. "But, more importantly, we want them to remember the experience. I always say that 'food is love,' and at the heart of The Culinary Stone is the dedication to nourish our community with everything we have to offer."

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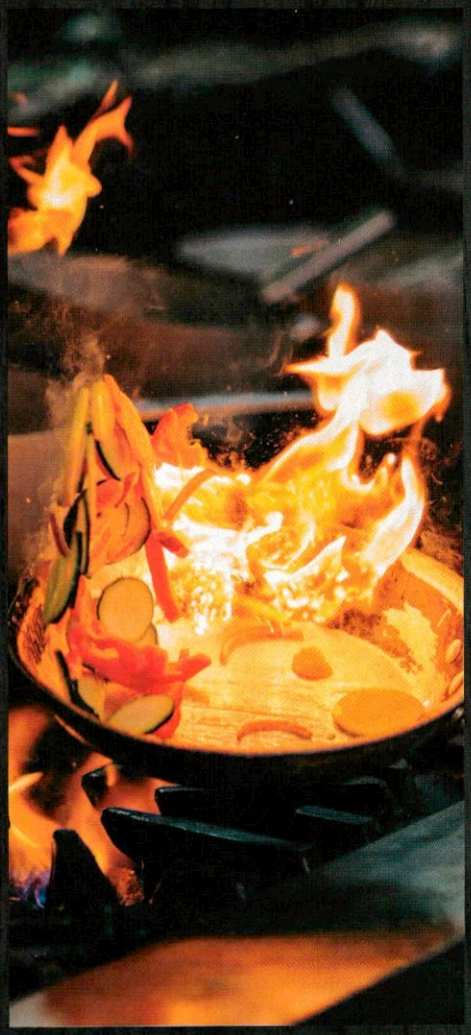

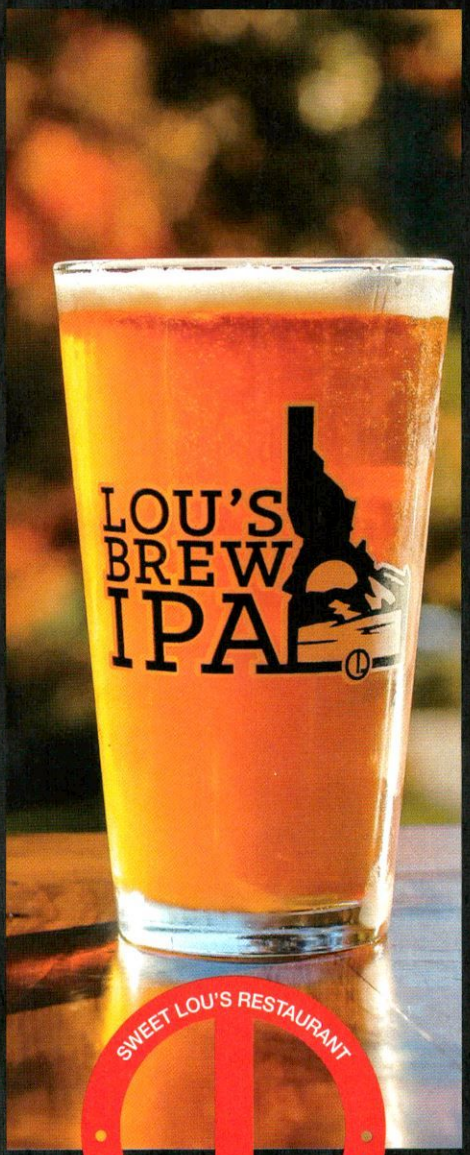

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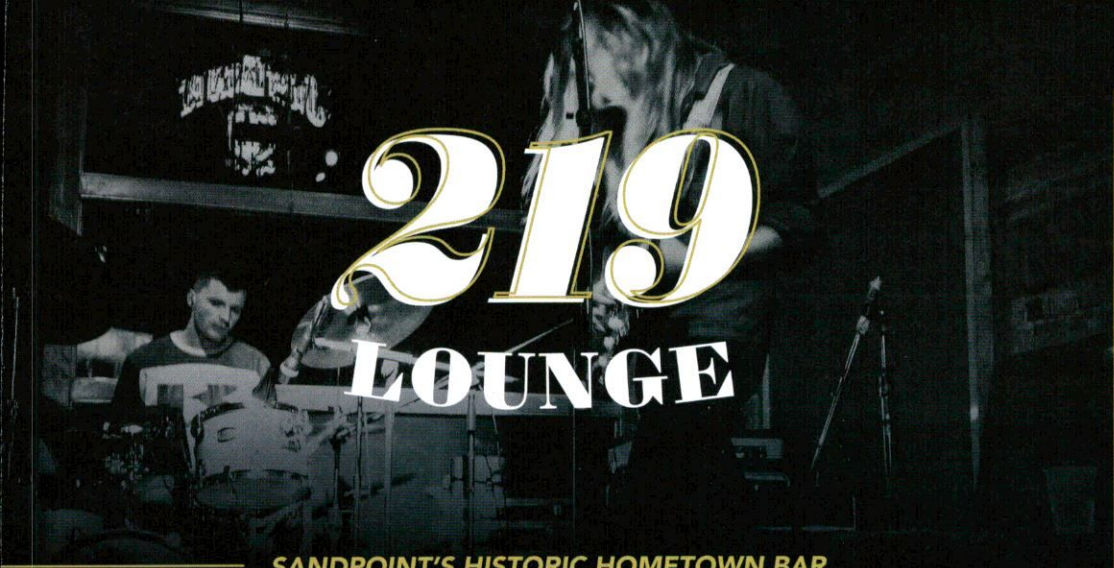

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SANDPOINT'S HISTORIC HOMETOWN BAR

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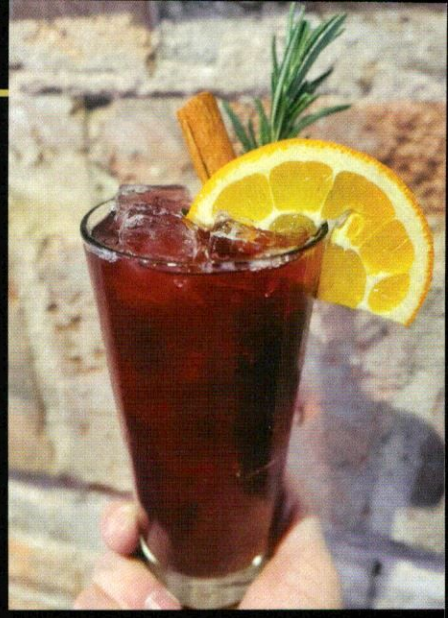

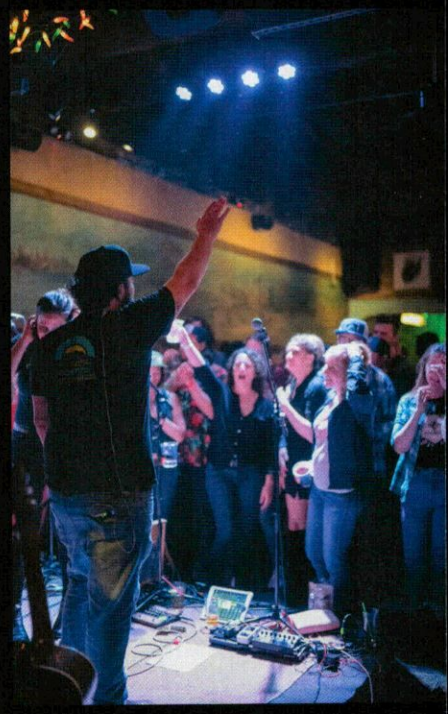

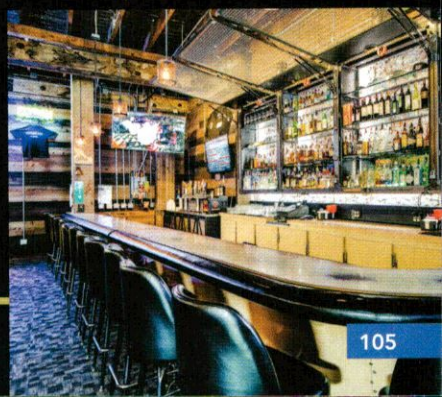

"Owning and operating the 219 makes us feel like we are part of the community; 'caretakers,' if you will, for our customers and employees," shares Mel Dick, owner of the 219 Lounge, which has been in business continuously since 1937. "We are honored to be part of the Sandpoint business community."

Young or old, anyone who enters "the Niner," as it's often referred to, will be greeted by the attentive, courteous, friendly and experienced staff, where the bartenders pride themselves on being the best. In addition to making a fantastic cocktail, they make it a point to get to know each of their customers and strive to take care of them. "Each bartender is so unique in their own personality and the gifts they bring to the bar," says Mark Terry, general manager. "The crew we have put together is just the absolute best."

No matter who's making your drink, every cocktail is consistent from every bartender, guaranteed. "The secret to making great cocktails is using an exact recipe, good spirits, fresh squeezed juices and house-made simple syrups, and bartenders who take pride in making great cocktails," according to Mel.

The beer selection is rotated weekly/bi-weekly, depending on the season, and focuses on beers from all over the West (and East whenever possible) and showcases regional staples while focusing on small-batch beers. Then there's the whiskey (from high-end American bourbons to single-malt scotches and everything in between), featuring a top-shelf American whiskey that rotates every time they empty a bottle — this could be anything from a Store Pick Weller variant to a 10-Year Mitcher's, even the occasional Pappy Van Winkle. When it comes to the staples, there's everything from Crown Royal, Maker's Mark, Wild Turkey and Jack Daniels to Buffalo Trace, Four Roses Small Batch and one of Mark's favorites — Rittenhouse Rye.

Just this spring, they rolled out a selection of non-alcoholic cocktails (mocktails) for guests to choose from. "We wanted to give those who don't drink a craft product that is worth their money — and make them darn delicious," smiles Mark.

Year-round, live music fills the space on weekends. This past summer they had the opportunity to bring in some fresh faces and will continue that trend into 2024. "We continue to host music every Saturday throughout the year, and some Fridays as well," Mark says. "We want to always keep music free — but not stale. We continue to work with outstanding local and regional acts, and this past February the national touring band The Jauntee. We want to maintain ourselves as the bar and music venue for the community."

There is also a pool table and foosball for guests' enjoyment, and during the summer months, you'll want to take advantage of the patio and outdoor bar.

If you're looking for that one place to meet friends, relax and share good times, and enjoy a great cocktail (or mocktail) and live music, the 219 Lounge is just that place. It's all about community.

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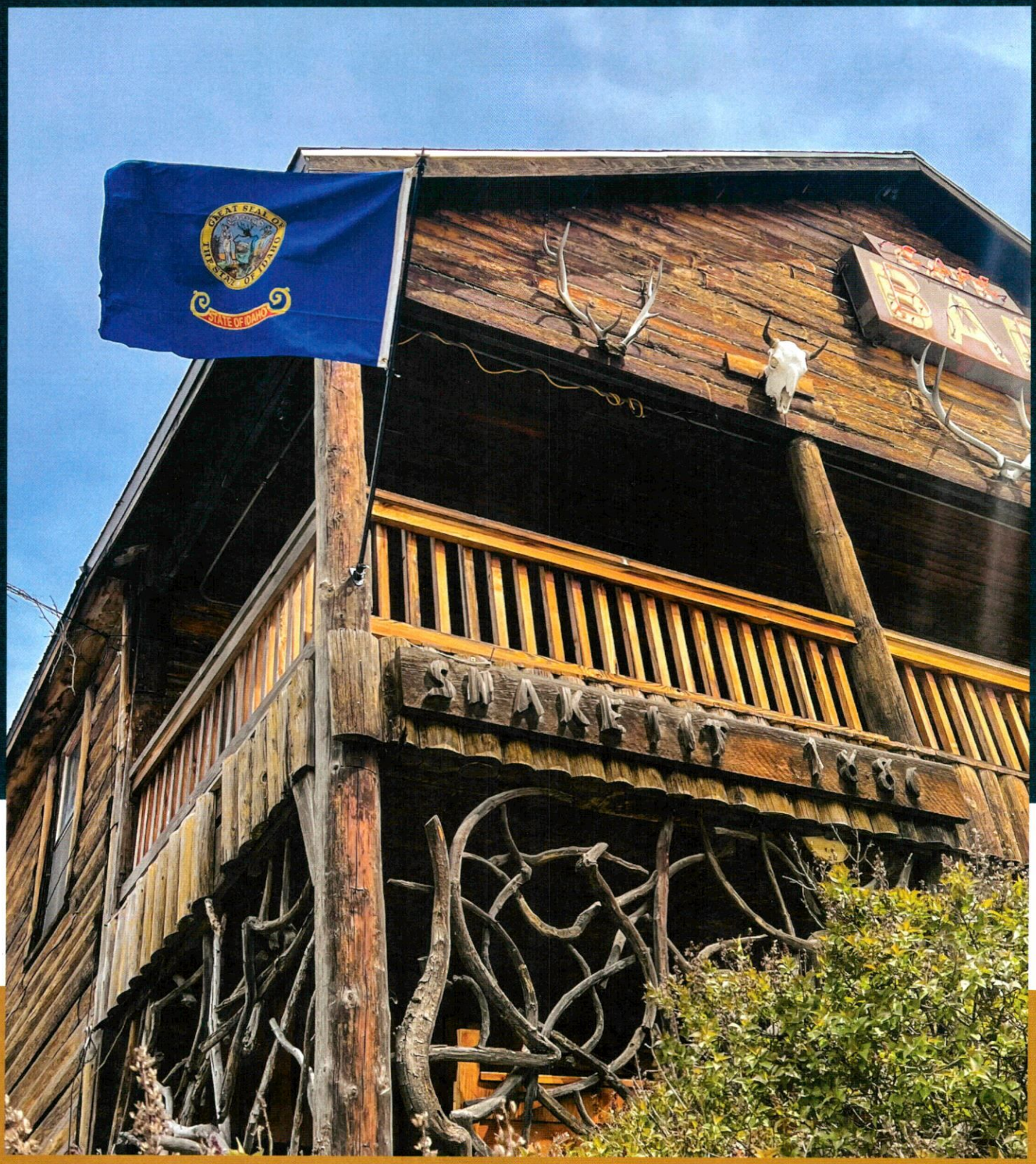
The Snake Pit

Viljo and Autumn Basso breathe new life into The Snake Pit and make history shine



by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Viljo and Autumn basso have been a mainstay in the North Idaho restaurant scene for close to two decades. The visionaries behind the beloved Syringa Japanese Café + Sushi Bar and The Bluebird - A Midtown Eatery, as well as former owners of The Garnet, White Pine and Monarch, 2024 marks an exciting new chapter in the couple's culinary journey.

It was fall of 2023 when the two learned that the historic Snake Pit — Idaho state's oldest restaurant, built in 1880 —was for sale. The Snake Pit has been in their rear-view mirror for the past decade, as they drove by the iconic restaurant frequently on their way to their property on the river. Though Viljo was excited to seize this opportunity, Autumn was a bit hesitant at first. "I resisted for a long time," she laughs. "But I finally realized it was a great opportunity to be a part of this and put our spin on what we do. We wanted to make it shine again. And it was officially ours on March 1."

After the purchase, the couple worked tirelessly during the spring months to make necessary upgrades, "sprucing it up" with deep cleaning, as well as additional little things here and there that needed attention. But the community can rest assured that when you walk in the doors, you will be treated to the same Snake Pit you've known and loved for years. "We are keeping it the same," Autumn affirms.

When it comes to the menu, there won't be too many surprises, though Viljo has put his spin on some favorites as well as added new menu items. And those famous Rocky Mountain Oysters? They're still serving those up, and better than ever.

For those who don't like change — and there has been a lot of change in North Idaho these past several years — the Bassos want to put your worries at ease when it comes to The Snake Pit and their newfound ownership of the space. The couple is dedicated to continuing to embrace its history while adding their own touch to it. "We don't want to change over 100 years of history," Autumn says. "We just want to showcase it and kind of bring it into the new age while keeping its history intact."

Viljo and Autumn are grateful for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be, and maintain, a part of Idaho's history. "Honestly, I don't really think it has fully hit us yet," Autumn shares. "But talking to people, and seeing them share their excitement for us, and their excitement to come back to The Snake Pit, it inspires us to keep doing what we're doing."

The Snake Pit held its re-grand opening in May. If you haven't stopped in lately, Viljo and Autumn welcome you to be a part of the next chapter of The Snake Pit's longstanding legacy.

It was 2006 when Viljo and Autumn Basso introduced Syringa Japanese Café + Sushi Bar to the Coeur d'Alene community, quickly gaining a loyal following while earning an outstanding reputation for its authentic Japanese cuisine, including sushi, ramen, and other traditional dishes. Using only fresh high-quality ingredients and wonderful flavors in each dish they prepare, paired with a flair for originality and excellence, guests can taste the difference.

A decade later, they opened the doors to The Bluebird - A Midtown Eatery. Here customers are treated to this casual yet upscale neighborhood bistro-style restaurant with its elevated, rustic, recently updated interior; the menu inspired by the couple's years of culinary travels and adventures. Seasonal as much as possible, the menu items change frequently with specials offered weekly.

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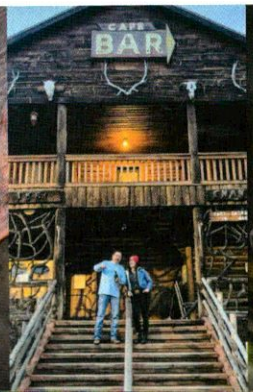

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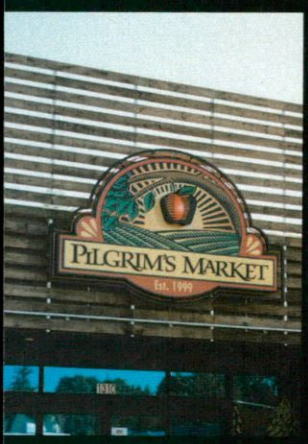

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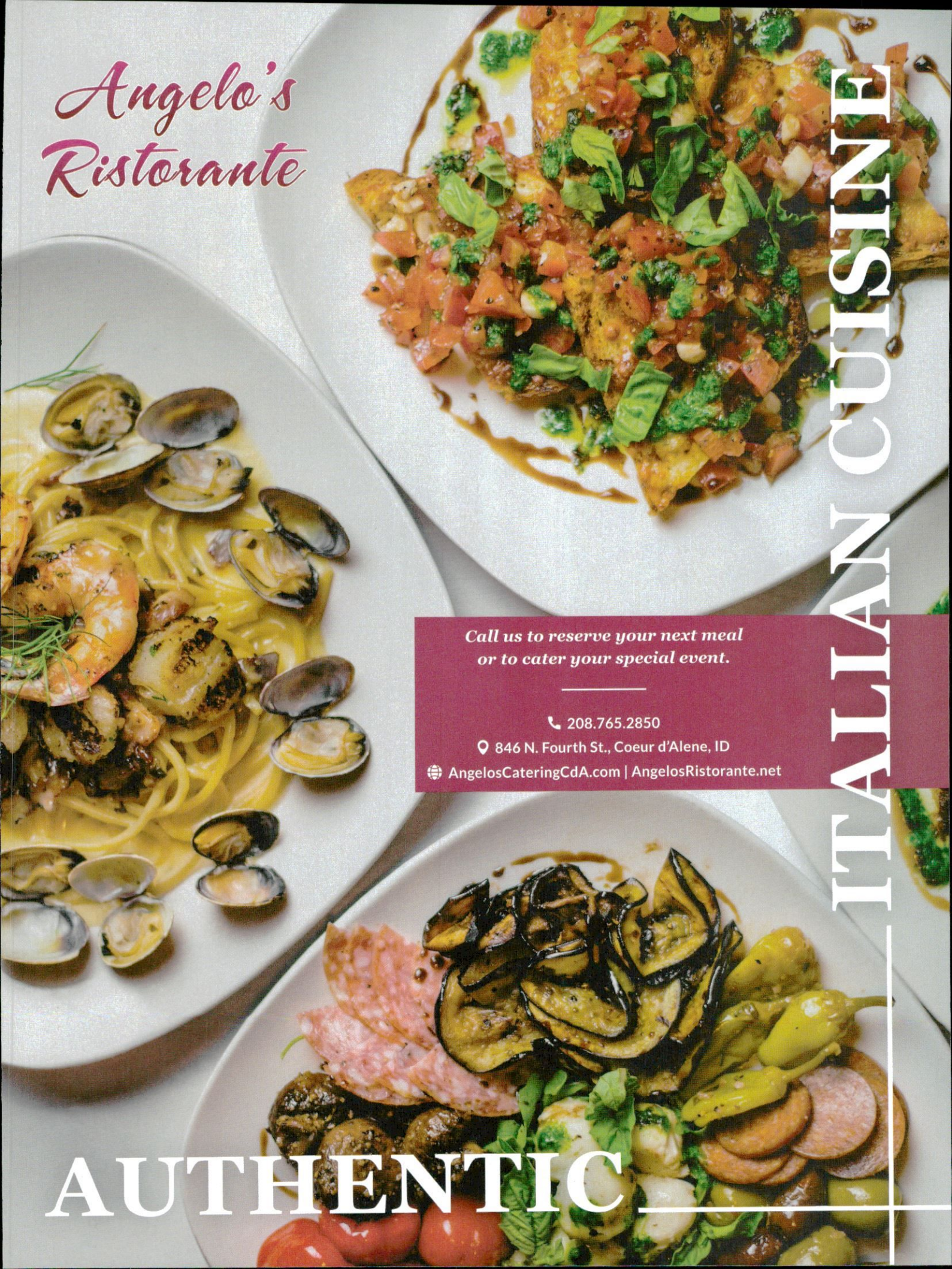
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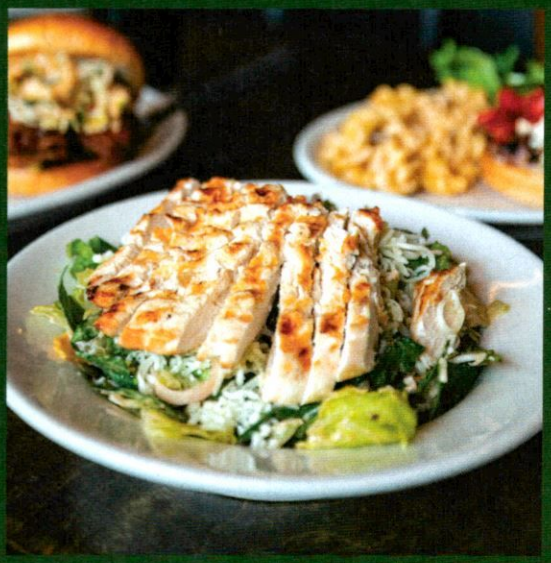

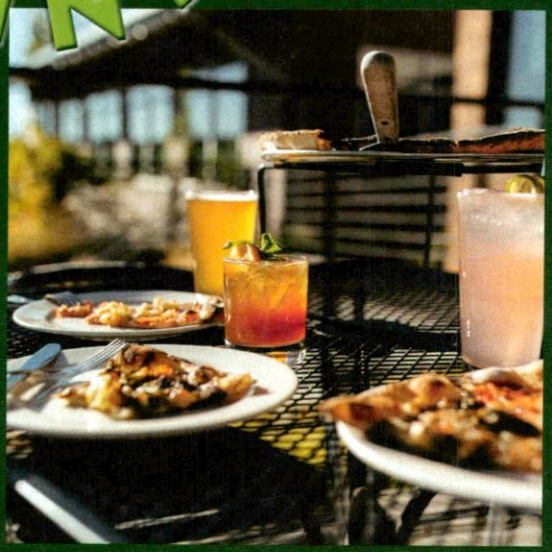

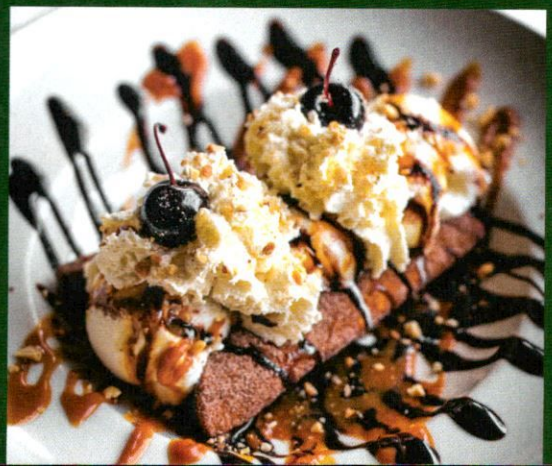

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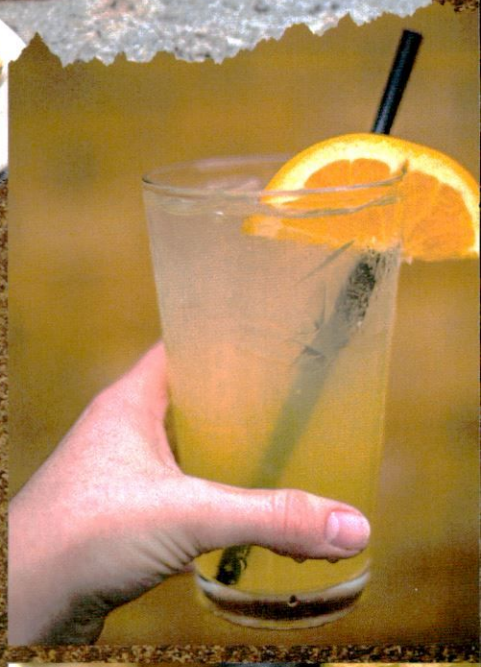

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From what began as a mobile pizza oven to now two successful brick-and-mortar restaurants, Laura and Seth Carey couldn't be prouder of Versalia Pizza and are truly grateful for those who continue to show their unwavering support of their vision.

Laura reflects on the early days of Versalia Pizza and the inspiration to expand with a restaurant. "It wasn't too long into our first season as a mobile food vendor when people started asking, 'Where can we find you in the winter?' Laura remembers. "We had customers who ordered several pizzas and froze them to savor them throughout the 'pizza drought' while we were shut down over the winter. Within a few years of operating throughout the spring, summer and fall, we were approached by Greenstone owner Jim Frank at the Liberty Lake Farmers Market with the idea of a brick-and-mortar in Kendall Yards." And in 2014, Versalia Pizza opened their doors year-round to their customers' delight.

As Seth and Laura celebrate their 15th anniversary of their mobile pizza oven, as well as the 10th anniversary of their Kendall Yards location, this summer, the couple believes their continued success is their dedication to keep both the customer and employee experience relationship focused. Laura adds, "We have listened to our employees' ideas, learned from them and improved because of them. We owe a lot of our success to employees who have come and gone and shared a little piece of their wisdom with us along the way. That and a lot of hard work and hard discussions."

To celebrate these two milestones, Versalia Pizza will have specials throughout their anniversary weekend, July 12 through 14, as well as a 10th-anniversary party that will be open to the public at Kendall Yards in July. (Stay up to date on details as the event nears by following them on Facebook.)

When it comes to what the Careys are most proud of when it comes to their restaurants, it is the challenges they have navigated through throughout their 15 years in business. "We have dealt with all sorts of challenges along the way, from competitive vendors who could be heard saying, 'I bet they don't sell one slice of pizza' at our first market, to weather, to heat stroke from doing too much next to the oven in the hot summer air," Laura explains. "The highlights were always proving the naysayers wrong, as well as really getting to know the customers who would follow us from event to event, and now still frequent us at the restaurants."

Seth and Laura are grateful for the support of their community and for all the relationships that have been a part of these past 15 years; for the memories that have been born from sharing a table over pizza with family and friends. "From long-time customers to employees, to friendships that have been born out of this business, it truly makes all of it worth it," Laura smiles.

The Elk Public House, Two Seven Public House, EL QUE, MOON TIME, THE PORCH PUBLIC HOUSE

Globally Inspired Upscale Pub Food: Five restaurants, same unparalleled dining experience

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

John Grollmus and Brad Fosseen have made a name for themselves, and their restaurants, here in the Inland Northwest. As the owners of not one, not two … but five restaurants spread across North Idaho and Spokane, the longtime friends and business partners are proud of the upscale pub-inspired restaurants they've created for their local communities to enjoy.

From first opening their doors to Moon Time in Coeur d'Alene in 1996, their goal, from the very beginning, has been to exceed the expectations of each and every guest who walks through the door. "They may walk in expecting to find typical pub grub, but we hope they walk out blown away by having enjoyed a more elevated and inspired meal," John shares.

Their original menu, of which some items are still around, was inspired mainly by Brad and John's experience throughout the years cooking in other restaurants. "We tried to bring the best parts of many world cuisines with which we had experience into one cohesive unit," John reflects. "These days we seek inspiration mainly from our travels and do a lot of menu testing in our own home kitchens. Of course, we also try to incorporate the input of our kitchen manager/chefs from each location."

They went on to open The Elk Public House in Spokane's South Hill in 1999, followed by El Que in 2001, The Porch Public House in Hayden Lake in 2003, and Two Seven Public House in Spokane in 2008.

Fresh ingredients, creativity and consistency are at the forefront of their menus. John and Brad take pride knowing that they build everything from scratch with attention to detail during every step of the process. "By making our own stocks, sauces, soups and dressings, along with pretty much everything else, and buying whole foods, which we prep ourselves, we are able to offer the freshest, most delicious, consistent food available," John shares. "We believe that our dedication to the cause is reflected in the great flavors and consistency of our food."

They prep their own lettuce and other greens for salads rather than buy pre-processed versions. Burger patties are hand formed, and in some cases they even grind their meats. Chicken breasts are trimmed, cleaned and tenderized for every salad and sandwich. They roast and slice their own meats and buy blocks of cheese and shred and/or slice it themselves.

"Every sauce for every dish, every spread for every sandwich, every dip for every quesadilla, and pretty much anything you can think of, we make in-house," affirms John. "This hard work and dedication to detail was picked up on clearly by Food Network star Guy Fieri while he was filming for Triple D at The Elk when, after watching the

whole process for making our smoked onion dip, which starts by smoking the onions, he said in a bit of disbelief, 'And all this is just for the dip?' Yes, yes it is, my friend, and that's why our food is so darn special."

So what's on the menu? Probably their most famous, and widely loved, menu item is the Corn Pasta. "A somewhat humble pasta salad which is simply a side item has garnered such a cult following that I almost never make it through a day without someone telling me how much they love it," smiles John. Another very popular item available at all locations is their 74th Street Gumbo. "Originally created by our Godfather restaurant, the 74th St. Ale House in the Greenwood Neighborhood of Seattle, the process of making the gumbo takes pretty much an entire day, but the results are why people continue to seek it out after 28 years on the menu," John attests. Some other favorites found on many of the menus, if not all, are the Santa Fe Chicken Sandwich, Caesar Salad, Grilled Lamb Sandwich and, of course, their made famous on the Food Network Reuben — which many agree is the best in the area.

"Offering a full bar at each location, they offer craft cocktails to accompany your meal — "without the show and 10-minute wait," John laughs. Well liquors are always a cut above, so a guest can order anything from the most basic to the most elaborate cocktail and know they will get a quality beverage. Their beer and wine lists are constantly rotating and carefully curated to take the guesswork out of it for the guest. As John says, "Whether you are seeking a dry hopped IPA, a glass of rosé, a crisp pilsner or a glass of cabernet, you can be assured that whatever we are offering is delicious and offered at a fair price."

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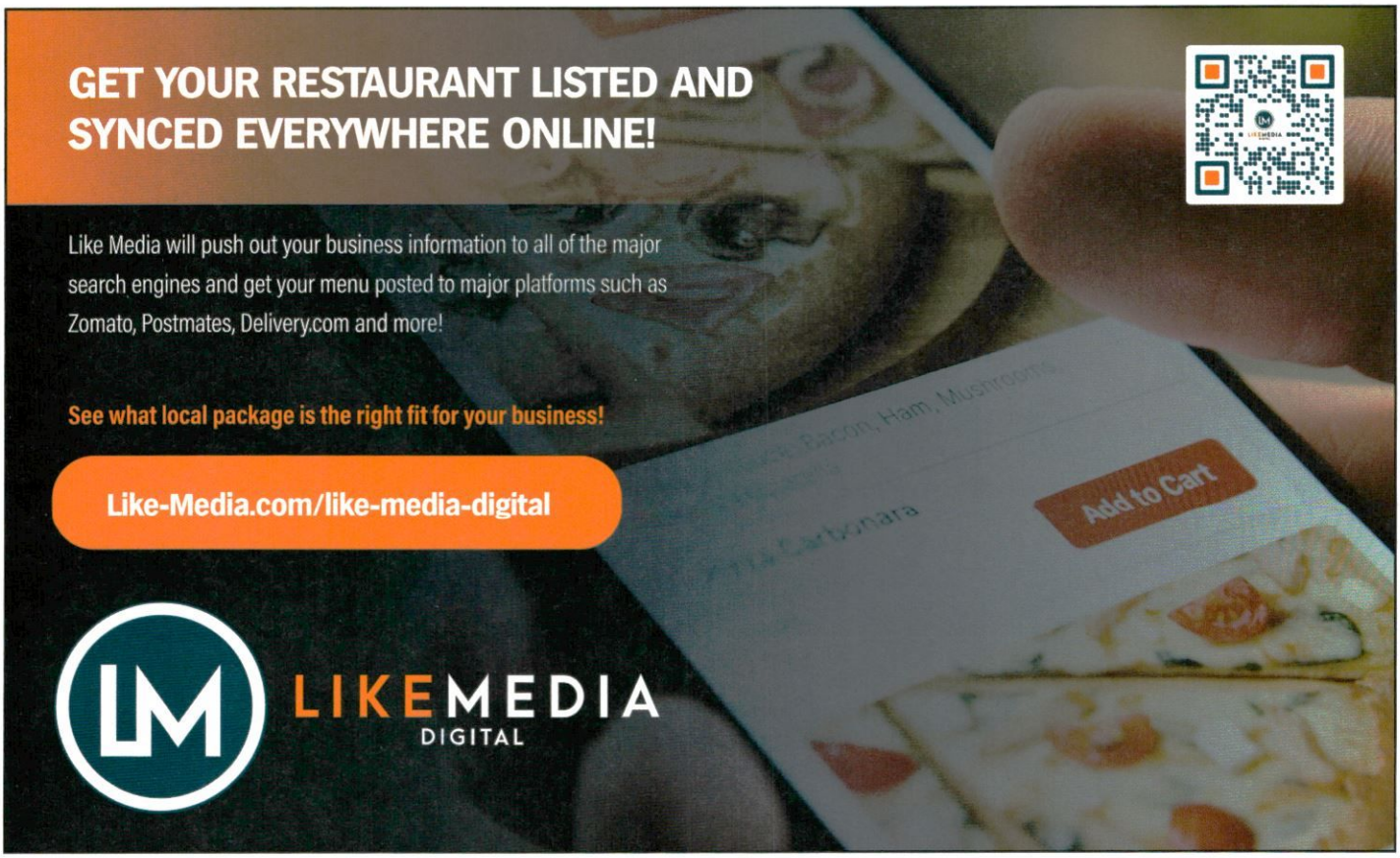
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In addition to the incredible food, MAX at Mirabeau offers daily specials and hosts weekly and monthly events!

Every day, customers will be treated to not one but two happy hours, 3 to 6pm and 9pm to close in the lounge — and on the patio during the warmer months. Enjoy $2 off pints of the MAX Pale Ale, made by Spokane Valley's own TT's Old Iron Brewery, during Tap Beer Tuesday. Next is Wine Wednesday, where select bottles of wine are half off, in addition to individual glass specials. Ladies looking to treat yourself to a fun evening out to unwind, MAX is the place to be each Thursday for Ladies Night. This traditional weekly event offers $7 Cosmopolitans, Lemon Drops and Mojitos all day long. To kick off each weekend, Martini/Manhattan Friday offers patrons $2 off all signature Martinis and Manhattans from 3pm to close. Come the weekend, MAX dishes out an unforgettable brunch, featuring an additional, expanded menu with their signature Bloody Mary Bar and Mimosa specials. Brunch is offered 9am to 2pm both Saturday and Sunday, with weekly breakfast specials to choose from as well.

First Wednesday is a monthly event held in support of local artists and wineries in the community, displaying works from a local artist, along with wine from a featured winery. In addition to the fine art and wine, these gatherings, held every month from 5 to 7pm, include complimentary hors d'oeuvres

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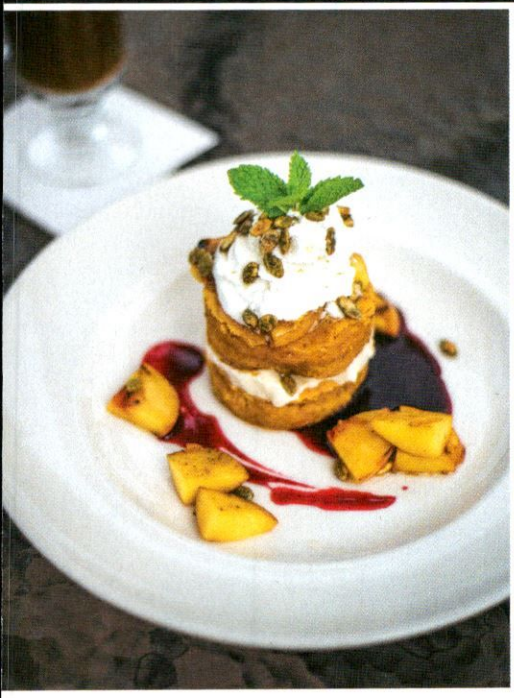

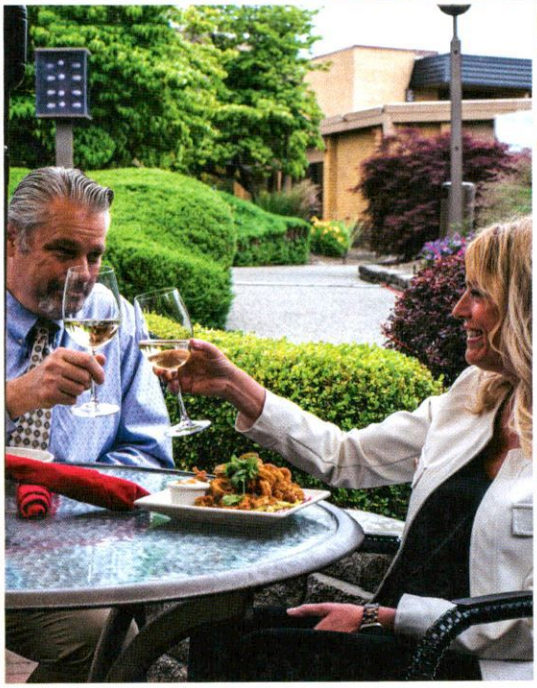

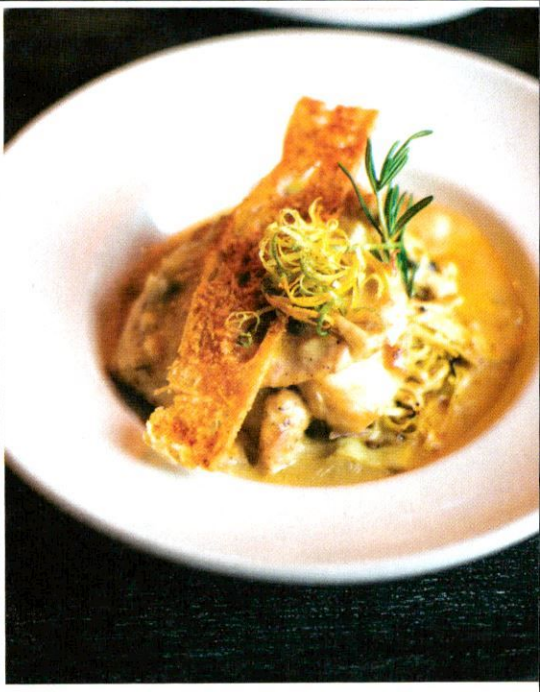

and glass pour specials on wine and discounted menu items during the event.

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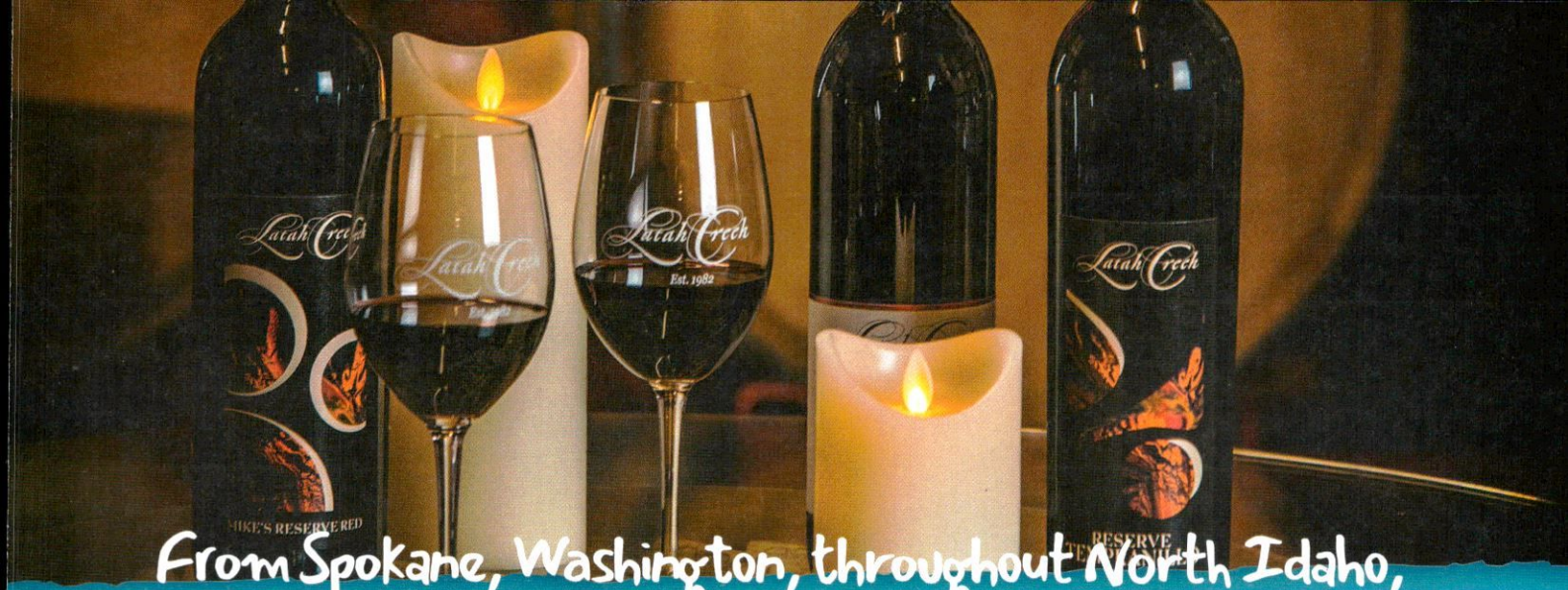
Sip & Savor

A SAMPLING OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST'S WINE, BREWS AND SPIRITS SCENE

by JILLIAN CHANDLER



From Spokane, Washington, throughout North Idaho,

the region boasts a thriving scene for wine, brew and spirits enthusiasts alike. With a rich history of agriculture and a growing reputation for quality libations, this area has become a haven for those seeking diverse and delicious beverages.

In Spokane, a vibrant urban center, wine lovers can explore a variety of tasting rooms showcasing locally produced wines from Washington vineyards. From crisp whites to bold reds, the region's wineries offer a spectrum of flavors to suit every palate. Visitors can embark on wine tours, discovering the unique terroir and passionate winemakers behind each bottle.

For beer aficionados, the craft beer scene across the area is a treasure trove of creativity and flavor. From cozy brewpubs to bustling taprooms, there's no shortage of places to sample innovative brews crafted with care by local breweries. Whether you prefer hoppy IPAs, rich stouts or refreshing sours, you'll find something to delight your taste buds in this burgeoning beer community.

Meanwhile, the spirits scene in the area is gaining momentum, with distilleries crafting everything from classic whiskeys to artisanal gins and vodkas. Visitors can take distillery tours to learn about the intricacies of the distillation process and sample spirits made with locally sourced ingredients, reflecting the unique character of the Inland Northwest.

WINERIES

Latah Creek Wine Cellars has established itself as a destination winery year-round for both locals and visitors to the Inland Northwest. Established in 1982 by Mike and Ellena Conway, Latah Creek Wine Cellars, Washington state's 35th winery (there are now more than 1,000 across the state), has been pouring excellence into each glass with their affordable, award-winning wines. Joined by their daughter and winemaker Natalie Barnes, they are continuing that mission four decades later.

Sip wines while visiting with friends and neighbors in the stunning tasting room and gift shop, Ellena's vision — the perfect gathering place to relax and taste; a space where people can mingle and make friends among fellow wine tasters, while feeling at home. Nearly 20 wines are available for tasting by the glass or bottle, or enjoy a wine flight featuring six tastes of your choice. They invite you to visit them anytime between 9am and 5pm daily.

A small, creative winery focusing on the fine art of wine since 2002, ***Coeur d'Alene Cellars*** produces 3,000 cases each year of ultra-premium wines made with finesse, nuance, balance and character. Live music, Wine Club events, winemaking and tasting experiences define their existence, so join Kimber Gates, owner, and the Coeur d'Alene Cellars family, to get your hands on their "liquid art" before

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it sells out. Wines can be tasted individually or in flights, and pair them with one of their cheese boards or charcuterie plates. All wines are available by the glass or bottle to enjoy at the winery, or by the bottle or case to take home. They invite you to sip with them noon to 5pm Tuesday through Thursday, noon to 7pm Friday and Saturday. For groups of six or more, they ask that you call to make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance.

Founded by Steve and Julie Meyer, ***Pend d'Oreille Winery*** opened in 1995. Jim Bopp and partner Kylie Presta purchased the business in 2017, continuing the legacy that the Meyers created more than a quarter century ago. The intimate, hands-on winery produces locally made, award-winning wines from grapes sourced from the Columbia Valley. The winemaking team is attentive to each step of the wine-making process to ensure the most balanced and complex product. You can find their tasting room in the heart of downtown Sandpoint in the historic Belwood building. Here guests are invited to stop in to enjoy a superb glass of wine and an artisan pizza in the friendly yet elegant atmosphere that's been created.

BREWERIES

After five years in the making, ***Emrys Beer & Mead Works*** officially opened in May 2024. Thomas Croskrey is bringing something new to Liberty Lake's River District by offering historical-modern fusion beer ... and mead ... at Emrys (located at 21850 E. Wellington Pkwy, one block from the Spokane River)! Joining him is Travis Dickinson, owner of the beloved Cochinito Taqueria, who is the man behind the perfect pairing to your brew ... Emrys' popular Smash Burgers. Open Wednesday through Monday; closed Tuesday. Be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

Moving across the state line, beer fans will find plenty more tasty options in both Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint. A local favorite in Coeur d'Alene is ***Daft Badger***, which is tucked in a neighborhood just a few blocks from the Fourth Street midtown corridor. The atmosphere they've created is fun, warm and inviting, featuring not only a diverse selection of handcrafted beers but delicious food offerings and lively ambiance. Their flagship beers include Blood Orange (IPA), Summers Envy (IPA), Josiah's Revenge (imperial stout), Final Mile (blonde ale), Hoppypotamus (pale ale) and Badgers Bounty (IPA).

Over in Sandpoint is where you will find ***Matchwood Brewing***. Known as "Sandpoint's neighborhood brewery," Matchwood aims to foster positive community change through the power of dialogue and laughter — one delicious handcrafted beer at a time. Not only can you enjoy craft beer but Matchwood's great food, events and live music! Open daily, pair your brew with something off their Eatery menu.

DISTILLERIES

As Washington state's first distillery, ***Dry Fly Distilling*** has made a name for itself for its award-winning spirits and canned craft cocktails. With great attention to every detail, from the raw ingredients to the cuts made along the way in the distillation process, to the barrel aging, "Everything is done with painstaking care to ensure the highest quality," shares co-owner Terry Nichols. While its staples of whiskeys, gins and vodkas have been at the forefront, the distillery's canned cocktail line has exploded in popularity over the past few years. Be sure to visit them at their expansive location on West Riverside Avenue in Spokane, which includes their restaurant, open seven days a week.

Up North Distillery opened its doors to the Post Falls community in 2015. Here owners Randy and Hilary Mann focus on producing high-quality, small-batch craft spirits using locally sourced ingredients. From their Honey Spirits and Apple Brandy to Big Kid Cider and North Idaho Single Malt Whiskey, Up North has been acknowledged and honored with dozens of accolades over the years. Stop by to enjoy a cocktail, flight of spirits, and buy a bottle to share with friends and family. They even offer tours where you can learn more about the distillation process.

If looking for a little getaway not too far from home, Leavenworth, Washington, is home to the award-winning ***Blue Spirits Distilling***. Offering "pure, clean, fun spirits," Blue Spirits distills gin, straight rye whisky, vodkas, rhum and tequila. Open daily, their bar and restaurant offers tastings, cocktails and great food, with outdoor seating available, and children and dogs are welcome. And they have lots of parking!

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MatchwoodBrewing.com

2 **Pend d'Oreille Winery**
301 Cedar St., Sandpoint, ID
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3 **Coeur d'Alene Cellars**
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208.664.2336
CdACellars.com

4 **Daft Badger Brewing**
1710 N. Second St., Coeur d'Alene, ID
208.665.9892
DaftBadgerBrewingCdA.com

5 **Up North Distillery**
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UpNorthDistillery.com

6 **Emrys Beer & Mead Works**
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7 **Latah Creek Wine Cellars**
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8 **Dry Fly Distilling**
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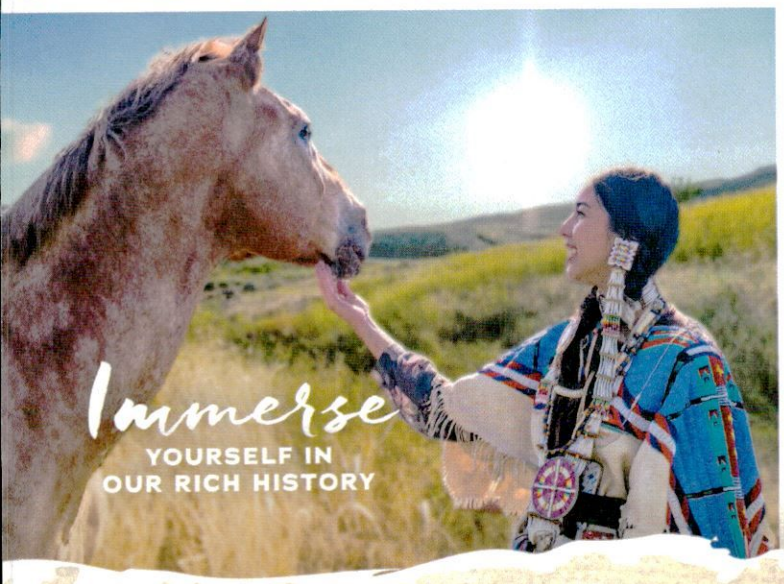

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DRY FLY DISTILLING

Discover award-winning spirits + delectable cuisine

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Dry Fly Distilling has made a name for itself for its award-winning spirits and canned craft cocktails. In September of 2021, as a result of outgrowing its production space due to growth of their spirits line and its introduction of canned cocktails, Terry Nichols and Dan Poffenroth moved their production facility to Riverside Avenue in downtown Spokane. In addition to the production space, the building houses a restaurant, event space and offices — all in one highly visible location.

"The overall effect is impressive as you sit in the restaurant looking into the production space at all the copper and steel," says Terry, co-owner of Dry Fly Distilling. "We had considered other options, like moving production to an industrial space and keeping a tasting room near downtown, but having everything together provides an unparalleled experience."

Terry describes the vibe of the restaurant as that of a "prohibition era bar." The restaurant can seat 62 at tables and an additional 12 at the bar.

On the menu, guests will be treated to an amazing assortment of appetizers, flatbread pizzas, burgers, salads, sandwiches, and entrées like the Gin Steamed Clams, adding that the fresh sheet always has something new and interesting. When it comes to the drinks, the full bar serves a wide variety of handcrafted cocktails, beer and wine. "The Old Fashioned is very popular, as is the Huckleberry Lemon Drop and Herbin Legend," notes Terry.

When asked what inspired the addition of a restaurant, Terry reflects, "We wanted to give our guests the opportunity to enjoy a great meal while tasting our spirits or enjoying a cocktail. We primarily use locally sourced ingredients, and Chef Avont Grant creates the magic."

Chef Avont joined Dry Fly in February of 2022, "enriching our kitchen with his deep culinary knowledge and experience," Terry shares. "Avont's creative flair shines through in his diverse menus, reflecting his hometown influences from Chicago. From the moment he joined us, he has consistently crafted fresh and innovative dishes, showcasing his exceptional talent and passion for the culinary arts."

Also on-site is their event space, perfect to reserve for your holiday season party or any special occasion event. The facility can support parties up to 50 with a great menu and full bar with cocktails, beer and wine.

Always crafting new, innovative flavors, Dry Fly recently rolled out a few new bottled cocktails onto the market: the Huckleberry Lemon Drop, Earl Grey Old Fashioned and Bloody Mary (in a 1.75L bottle at 13.5 percent alcohol for the Idaho market). Terry shares that they also produced the Lemon Drop and Old Fashioned in 375ml bottles for the Washington market at 20 percent alcohol. You can find these bottled cocktails at local retailers like Yokes, Rosauers and Super One.

As Terry reflects back over the years, and the work the team at Dry Fly has accomplished, he says, "I think the most rewarding thing has been watching the business grow with the support of our great employees and customers. It has allowed us to give back to the community on many occasions."

Terry attributes the success Dry Fly has continued to experience to their dedicated team of passionate individuals, their commitment to quality craftsmanship, and the unwavering support of their loyal customers. "Our success is a reflection of the hard work and passion that goes into every bottle we produce, as well as the trust and appreciation of those who enjoy our spirits," he smiles.

The Dry Fly team encourages you to stop by, sample some incredible food and spirits, and take a tour (sign up for tours on their website). Also make sure to visit the bottle shop, which offers spirits, apparel and other great gift ideas for any occasion. They are open 11am to 9pm Monday through Saturday and 11am to 7pm Sunday.

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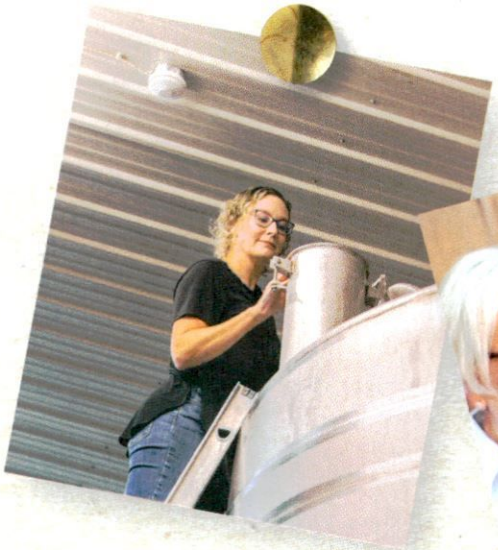

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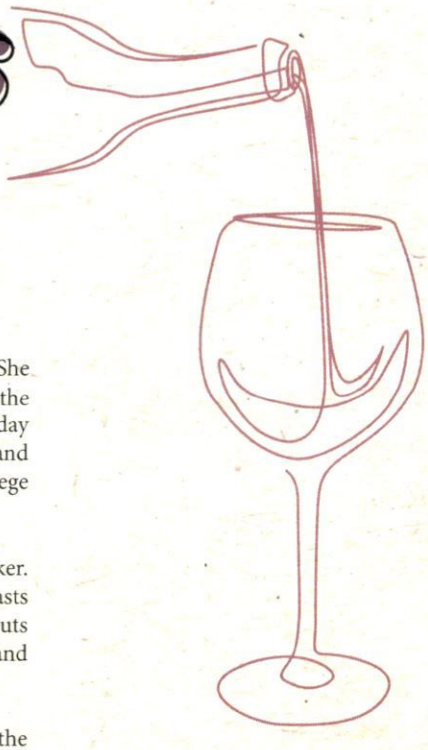


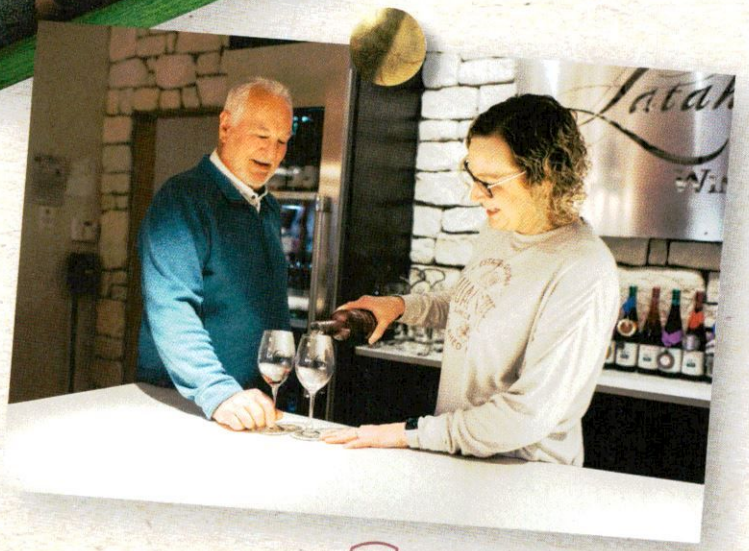
Family. Wine. Community.

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Natalie Barnes has been in the wine business her entire life. She fondly remembers climbing over cases in the warehouse and to the very top with her lunch and Barbies in tow. She would play all day amongst those cases. As time went on, she would help her parents, Mike and Ellena Conway, on the bottling line and during events. It wasn't until college that Natalie's passion for making wine would manifest.

"Right before our 2004 harvest, I told my dad I wanted to be a winemaker. For that 2004 vintage, he took the time to show me how different yeasts interact with the juice, what filtering actually does, and all the ins-and-outs of making wine. I immediately fell in love with the art of making wine and never looked back, and I have now been making wine for 20 years!"

During those first few years working alongside her parents, she realized the sacrifices her parents had made since starting Latah Creek Wine Cellars — Washington state's 35th winery — in 1982, saying, "My eyes were opened to



the full picture of Latah Creek, their philosophy, their love for wine and food, their commitment to the community. Not once have I regretted changing my mind."

Today, you will find Natalie spending her days at the family business, alongside her father, creating wines for all to enjoy. "What makes us unique is that it is really just us; my dad and I are the only ones who do the winemaking. We are truly a family owned and operated winery," shares Natalie. "I can't imagine doing this job without him."

Forty-two years and two generations later, Latah Creek Wine Cellars continues its commitment to producing award-winning wines at affordable prices for all to enjoy. "The most fulfilling thing about this job is seeing someone try a wine and loving it!" Natalie smiles. "Knowing that someone is somewhere enjoying one of the wines we made is amazing, wonderful and an absolute honor."

When it comes to what the future holds, Natalie mentions that their guests may see some new varietals popping up over the next five to 10 years — "and maybe third-generation winemakers as my kids graduate college."

Natalie is excited to share that earlier this year, Latah Creek released their new label in two varieties and have plans to have their whole lineup of labels released by fall.

Latah Creek Wine Cellars is open 9am to 5pm daily. Natalie, Mike and Ellena invite you to stop by their stunning tasting room and gift shop for a glass of wine (or wine flight) and taste the passion and dedication Latah Creek Wine Cellars pours into each glass. While there, you'll want to take a moment to browse Ellena's perfectly curated selection of specialty gifts and gourmet foods.

Be sure to follow Latah Creek Wine Cellars on Facebook and Instagram, and sign up to receive their newsletter, for up-to-date details on event happenings, including their 42nd anniversary party in July. Cheers!

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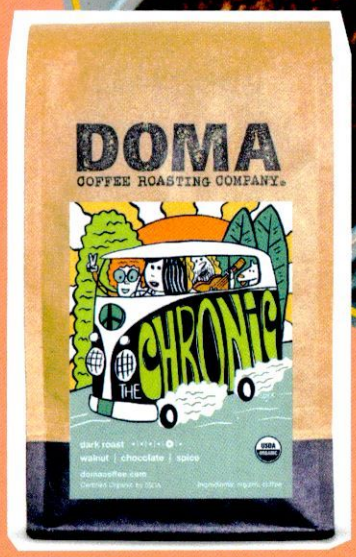

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Latah Creek Wine Cellars

Latah Creek's stunning tasting room and gift shop offers more than just a place to relax and taste while visiting with friends and neighbors; it offers a wide selection of specialty gifts and gourmet foods, all handpicked by co-owner Ellena Conway — the perfect items to complement Latah Creek wines.

LatahCreek.com
Spokane Valley, WA

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NewLeafNurseryHayden.com
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PanhandleRed.com
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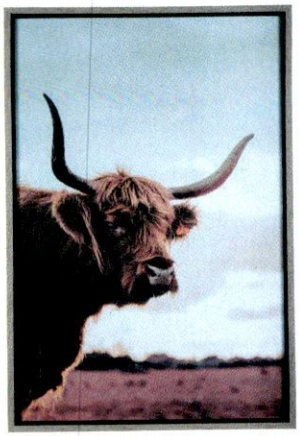

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

VACATION OR STAYCATION ... THE PERFECT PLACES TO STAY TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS

by JILLIAN CHANDLER

Locals and visitors alike across North Idaho and the Spokane area look forward to the warmer days of summer and early fall. This is a time of travel and enjoying the beautiful natural outdoor amenities this area offers. Whether you're a visitor looking for accommodations or a local wanting to create a staycation of your own for you and your family or friends, we've found some great spots with exceptional amenities.

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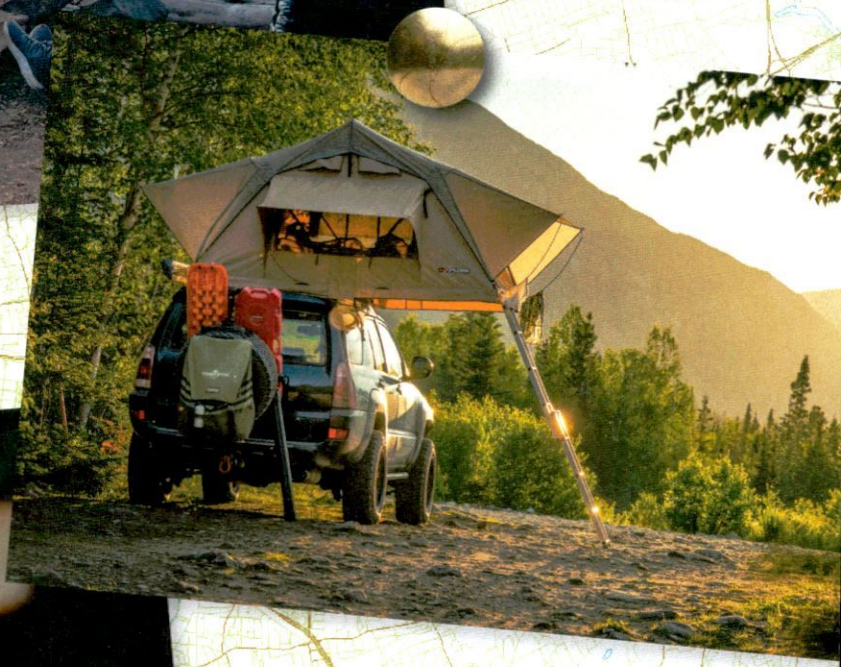

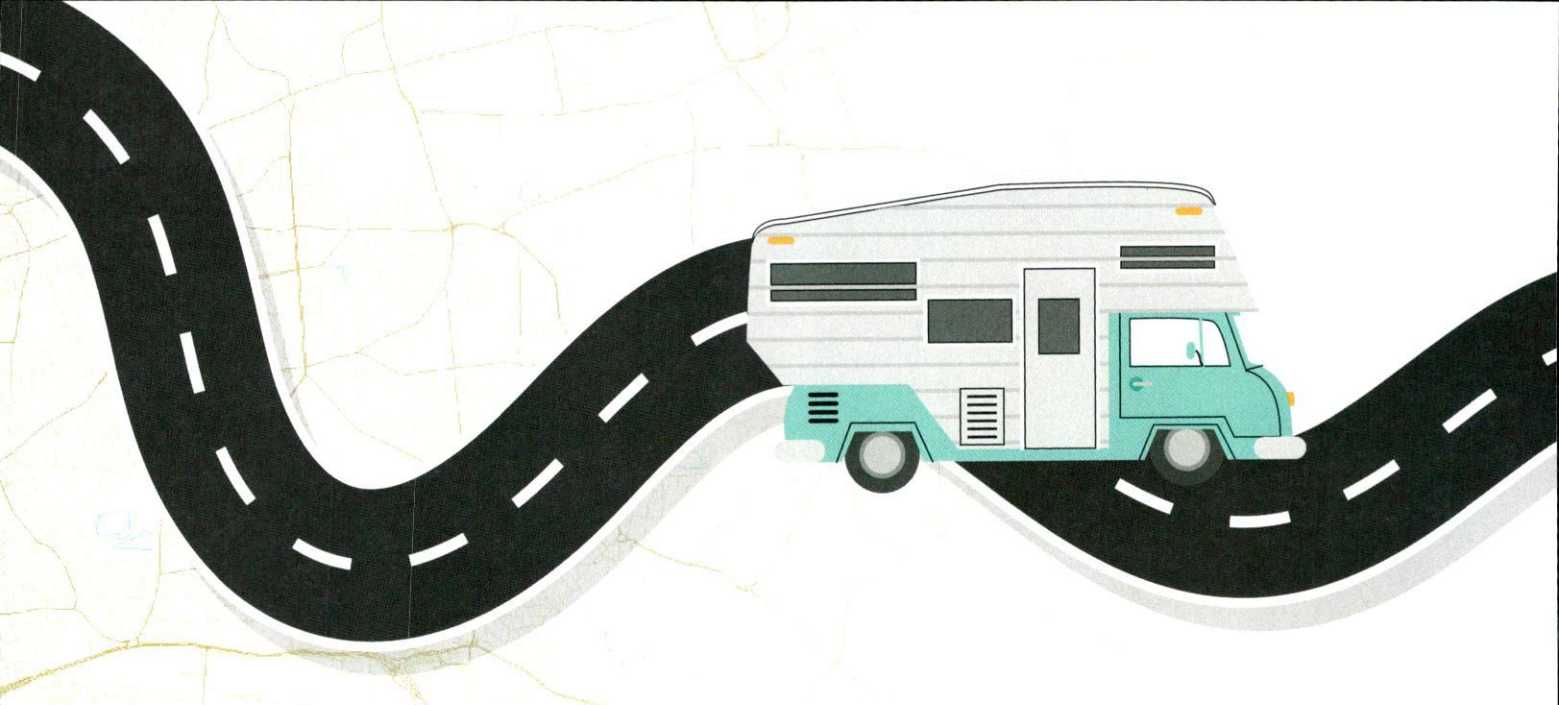

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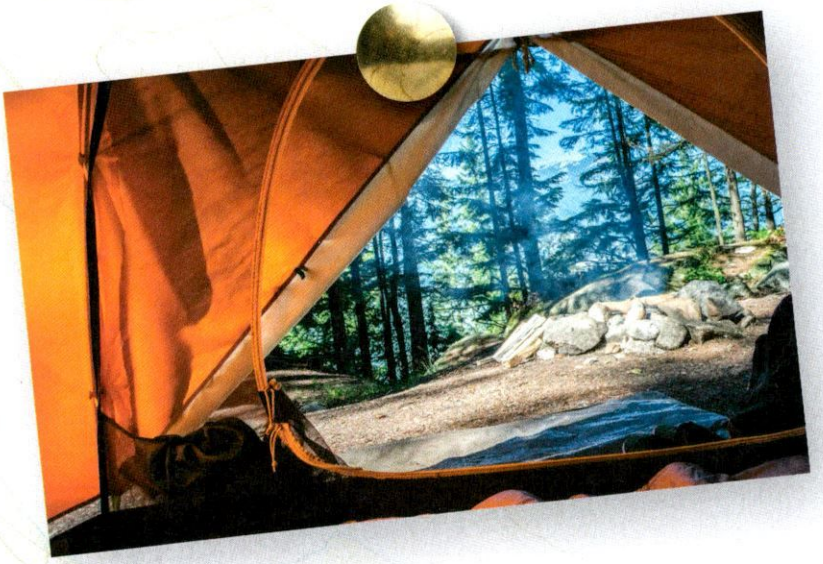

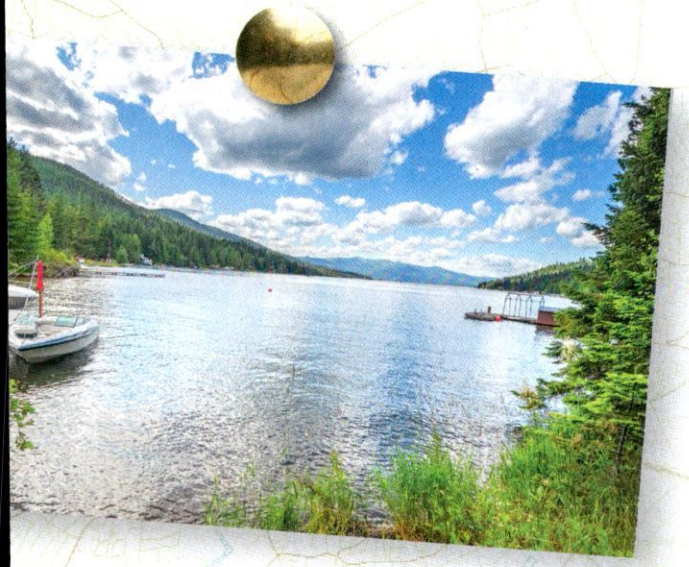

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208.263.5916 | BottleBayResort.com

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ELKINS RESORT

Open year-round, Elkins Resort is a full-service resort offering lodging, dining, restaurant, bar, boat rentals, moorage, store and gift shop. Guests are offered a very unique experience that combines excellent customer service, a beautiful setting, comfortable lodging and outstanding cuisine. All 30 cedar cabins have full kitchens and living areas, giving guests the ability to choose between going out to eat or staying in. Most cabins have fireplaces with wood provided; all have electric heat.

404 Elkins Rd. | Nordman, ID
208.443.2432 | Info@elkinsresort.com
ElkinsResort.com

FARRAGUT STATE PARK

Once a World War II-era naval training station, Farragut State Park in Athol boasts 4,000 acres, providing camping opportunities with 223 individual sites, 10 camping cabins and seven group camps, and picnic pavilions available for your next family reunion. Located on the southern tip of Lake Pend Oreille in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains, Farragut State Park offers unique scenery, history and an abundance of recreational opportunities, including disc golf, fishing, swimming, hiking, biking, equestrian facilities and more.

13550 E. Hwy 54 | Athol, ID
208.683.2425
ParksandRecreation.Idaho.gov/parks/farragut

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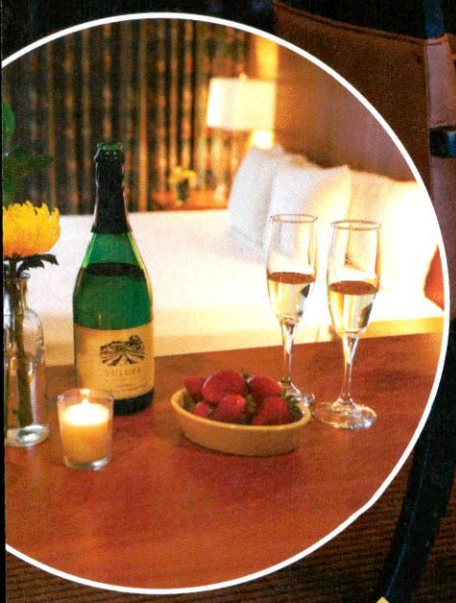
The best adventures start with relaxing accommodations and award-winning food. At MAX, you will enjoy luxury comfort and amenities, and eclectic dining, in the heart of Spokane Valley. You are guaranteed a memorable time.



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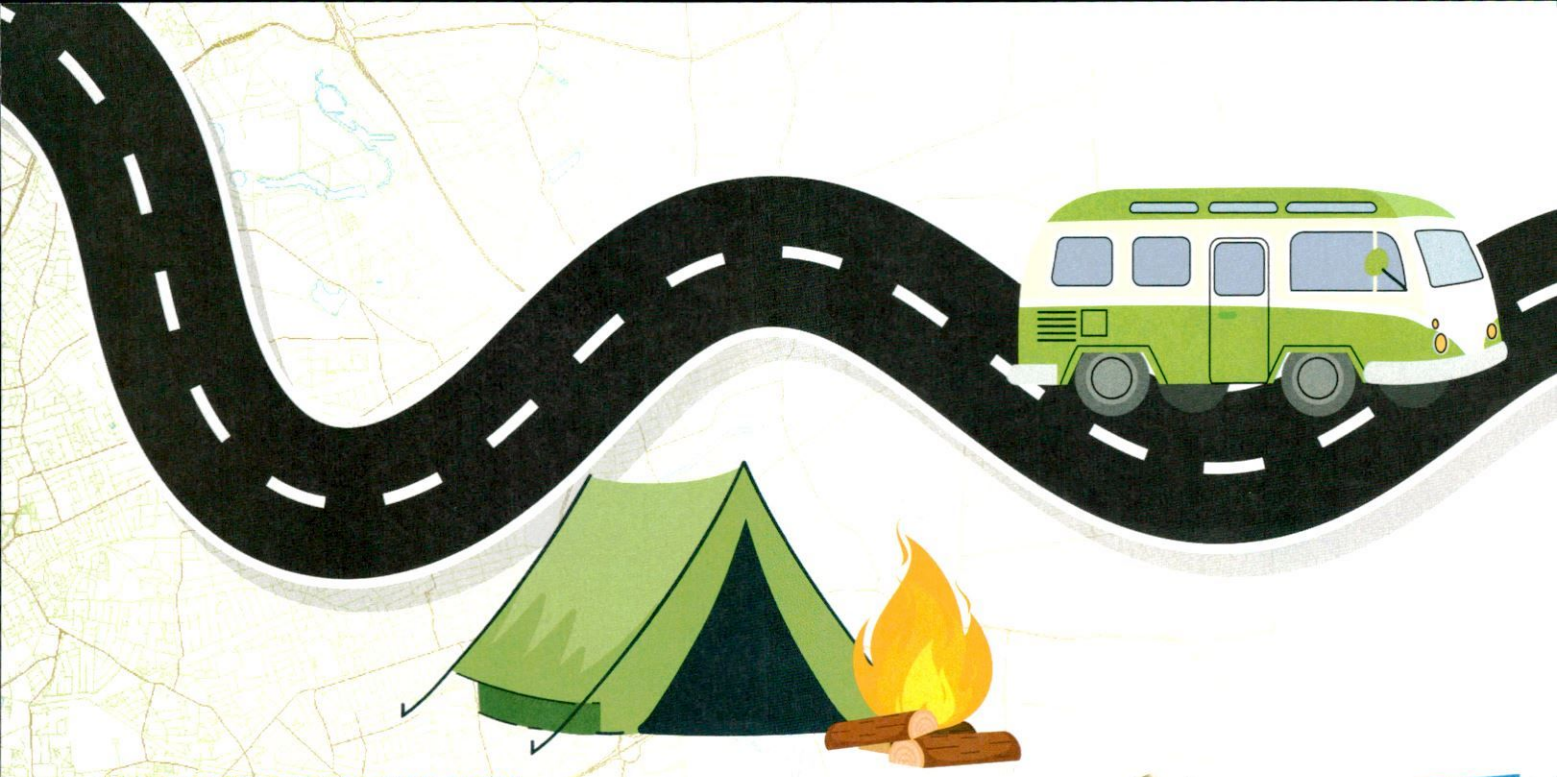
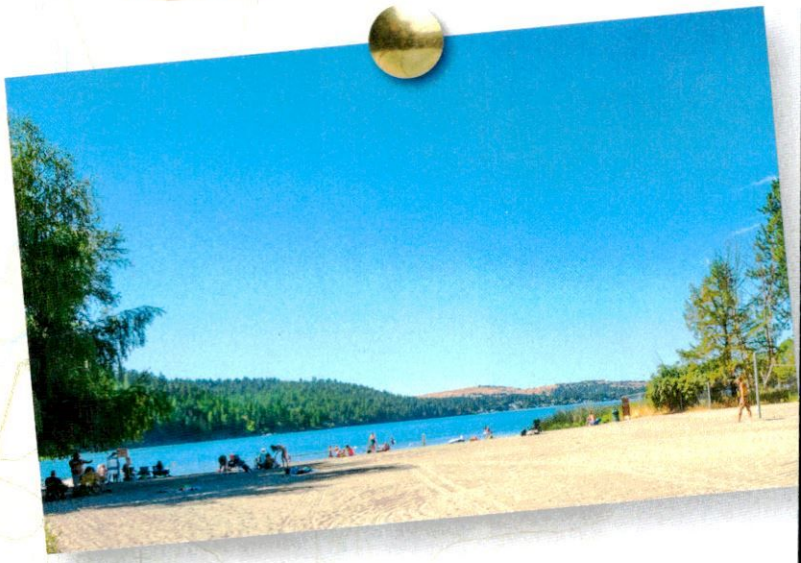


LIBERTY LAKE REGIONAL PARK CAMPGROUND



Located below Liberty Lake and near Liberty Creek, the Liberty Lake Regional Park Campground has approximately 32 single-family campsites and four rustic cabins. There are 17 campsites for RVs (with water and electric hookups) and 13 tent campsites. One group campsite is also available. The cabins sleep four inside, and guests are welcome to pitch a tent to accommodate another four people outside. Each cabin is 12x12 with an 8-foot porch. They also have one indoor and one outdoor outlet, lighting, heating and AC. Potable water is available on the exterior of each cabin. Open from June 1 through August 31, campground amenities include drinking water, flush toilets, showers and a dump station.

3707 S. Zephyr Rd. | Liberty Lake, WA
509.477.7274
SpokaneCounty.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/-117

NORTH HAVEN CAMPGROUND

Just 2 1/2 miles north of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, you'll find the stunning North Haven Campground, nestled in a beautiful wooded and peaceful setting. Open year-round, guest accommodation options include five luxury log cabins (one-bedroom and two-bedroom floorplans), 21 RV sites, two Conestoga glamping wagons with private bathrooms, and a large log cabin-style bath house with pristine private restrooms, showers and modern laundry facilities. In addition, guests will have access to high-speed fiber optic wireless internet, the on-site camp store and a fun ¾-mile nature walking trail loop. And there are pet-friendly cabins available as well, so your furry family member can enjoy the adventure too.

78 Tobe Way | Bonners Ferry, ID
208.603.9212 | Stay@northhavencampground.com
NorthHavenCampground.com

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ADVENTURE

POST FALLS RV CAMPGROUND

Trusted, comfortable and affordable, Post Falls RV Campground is where it's easy to park, play and relax. Whether you are looking to stay overnight or long term, this campground promises convenience, quality amenities and affordable rates, along with outstanding customer service. Located just minutes from downtown Post Falls, the park is within minutes of shopping, entertainment and dining, and a short drive to some of the area's finest outdoor recreation areas. This full-service campground includes a dog park, tot-lot, seasonal pool, private restrooms with showers, big-screen TV room, laundry facility, complimentary Wi-Fi and spacious concrete spaces.

6732 W. Pointe Pkwy | Post Falls, ID
208.618.4361
PostFallsRVCampground.com

SPOKANE TRAIL RIDES AND BOARDING

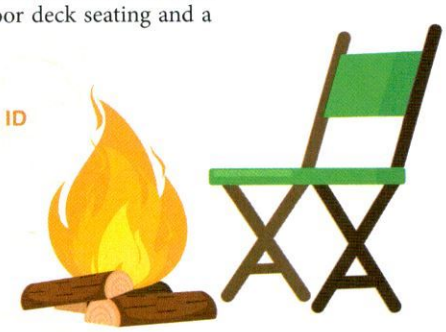
Situated on 58 acres, just 15 minutes south of downtown Spokane, is where you'll discover Spokane Trail Rides and Boarding, a Western horse and cattle ranch offering comfortable and cozy country accommodations paired with grand views. This full-working ranch offers five beautiful campsites, as well as three real horse stall rooms made into cozy barn BnB rooms for guests. Also enjoy trail rides and barn animal hands-on tours. In addition, they offer full-care horse boarding and more! A truly unique experience in Spokane.

522 E. Washington Rd. | Spokane, WA
509.227.9077
SpokaneTrailRides.com

WILLOW BAY

If you're looking for a little slice of paradise, look no further than Willow Bay Marina and RV Park; a resort and tourist area mixed in with the rural lifestyle. Willow Bay's RV Campground is located next to the marina with views of surrounding mountains and the Pend Oreille River. There are 18 sites available to book with fire pits, picnic tables, and 30-amp power available. On-site is the Willow Bay North Restaurant & Bar, on the Pend Oreille River, offering a family friendly menu, great outdoor deck seating and a large outdoor covered patio as well.

520 Willow Bay Rd. | Priest River, ID
208.946.0904
WillowBayIdaho.com



THIS SEASON'S MUST-MAKE recipes

SHAVED Brussels Sprouts SALAD

Ingredients

1 pound Brussels sprouts

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

2 tbsp. lemon juice

1 tbsp. Dijon mustard

1 tbsp. honey

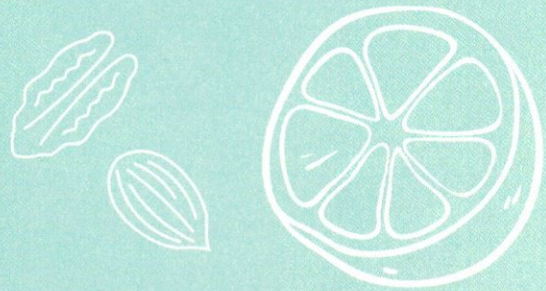
Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/4 cup dried cranberries or chopped dried apricots

1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds or chopped walnuts

Optional: cooked bacon or pancetta, crumbled (for added flavor)



Method

• Start by preparing the Brussels sprouts. Trim off the ends and any discolored outer leaves. Then, using a sharp knife or a mandoline slicer, thinly slice the Brussels sprouts crosswise. Alternatively, you can use a food processor fitted with a slicing blade for quicker results.

• In a small bowl, whisk together the extra virgin olive oil, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, honey, salt and pepper to make the dressing. Adjust the seasoning to taste, adding more lemon juice for acidity or honey for sweetness as desired.

• In a large mixing bowl, combine the shaved Brussels sprouts with the dressing, tossing until evenly coated. Allow the salad to marinate for at least 10 to 15 minutes to soften the Brussels sprouts slightly and allow the flavors to meld together.

• While the salad is marinating, prepare any optional add-ins such as cooked bacon or pancetta, which can add extra depth of flavor and texture to the salad.

• After marinating, add the grated Parmesan cheese, dried cranberries or chopped dried apricots, toasted sliced almonds or chopped walnuts, and any optional add-ins to the salad. Toss gently to combine all the ingredients evenly.

• Taste the salad and adjust the seasoning if needed, adding more salt, pepper or lemon juice according to your preference.

• Transfer the shaved Brussels sprouts salad to a serving platter or individual plates, spreading it out evenly. Garnish with additional grated Parmesan cheese and chopped nuts if desired.

• Serve the salad immediately as a refreshing and flavorful side dish, or pair it with grilled chicken, fish or steak for a satisfying main course option.

CAPRESE Zucchini Casserole

Ingredients

4 medium zucchini, thinly sliced

2 large tomatoes, thinly sliced

8 oz. fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced

1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped

2 tbsp. balsamic glaze (store-bought or homemade)

Salt and pepper to taste

Olive oil for drizzling

Method

- Preheat your oven to 375°F. Lightly grease a baking dish with olive oil or non-stick cooking spray.
- Arrange half of the sliced zucchini in an even layer at the bottom of the prepared baking dish.
- Layer half of the sliced tomatoes on top of the zucchini.
- Place half of the sliced mozzarella cheese on top of the tomatoes.
- Sprinkle half of the chopped basil leaves over the mozzarella cheese.
- Drizzle half of the balsamic glaze over the basil.
- Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Repeat the layers with the remaining sliced zucchini, tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, basil and balsamic glaze. Drizzle a little olive oil over the top of the casserole.
- Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil and bake in the preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the zucchini is tender and the cheese is melted and bubbly.
- Remove the foil and bake for an additional 5 to 10 minutes, or until the top is lightly golden.
- Remove the casserole from the oven and let it cool slightly before serving. Garnish with additional fresh basil leaves, if desired, and serve warm.

Creamy SPINACH–Artichoke SALMON

Method

- Preheat your oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil.
- Pat the salmon fillets dry with paper towels and place them on the prepared baking sheet. Drizzle the olive oil over the fillets and season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Bake the salmon in the preheated oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until it flakes easily with a fork and reaches your desired level of doneness.
- While the salmon is baking, prepare the topping. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the minced garlic and sliced button mushrooms and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until garlic is fragrant.
- Add the chopped spinach to the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until wilted.
- Stir in the chopped artichoke hearts and cook for another 2 to 3 minutes.
- Reduce the heat to low and pour in the heavy cream. Stir well to combine all the ingredients.
- Sprinkle the grated Parmesan cheese over the mixture and stir until the cheese is melted and the sauce is creamy. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Once the salmon is cooked through, remove it from the oven and carefully spoon the creamy spinach-artichoke-mushroom mixture over the top of each fillet.
- Return the baking sheet to the oven and broil for 2 to 3 minutes, or until the topping is lightly golden and bubbly.
- Remove the salmon from the oven and let it cool slightly before serving. Garnish with chopped fresh parsley and serve with lemon wedges on the side for squeezing over the salmon. Serve with your favorite side dishes, such as rice, quinoa or roasted vegetables for a delicious and satisfying meal!

Ingredients

4 salmon fillets (about 6 oz. each)
1 tbsp. olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp. butter
2 cloves garlic, minced
12 button mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 cup chopped spinach (fresh or frozen)
1 cup canned artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Lemon wedges for serving
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish (optional)

sizzle

Eats and Drinks

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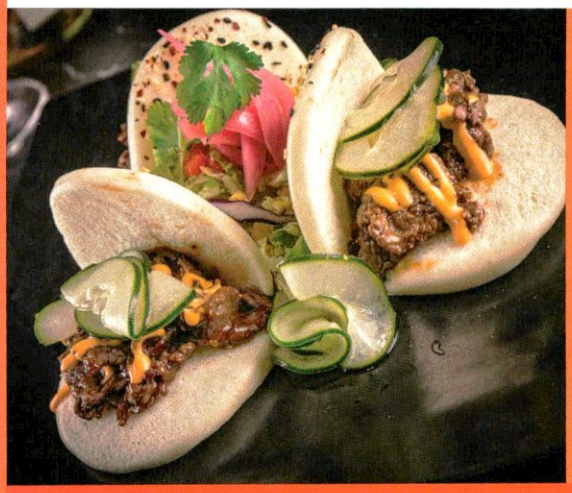


1898 PUBLIC HOUSE

Classic foods with a fresh twist using the finest ingredients is what guests will be treated to at 1898 Public House. Located at Kalispel Golf and Country Club in Spokane, dining at 1898 Public House is an exciting culinary tour for your palate. From hand-pressed gourmet burgers and house-cured bacon to house-made rolls and charcuterie, signature comfort food dishes and unique combinations are designed for the more adventurous foodie. In addition, 1898 grows their own herbs and locally sources their ingredients. They invite you to eat and drink inspired at 1898. Serving lunch and dinner daily, they are open starting at 11am Monday through Friday, and 9am Saturday and Sunday for brunch.

Spokane $-$$$
2010 W. Waikiki Rd.
509.466.2121 | 1898PublicHouse.com

COCHINITO TACQUERIA

Guests will be treated to fresh and delicious cuisine created using fine-dining techniques paired with locally and responsibly sourced seasonal ingredients—served in a casual atmosphere along with craft cocktails, thoughtfully selected cervezas and spirits. From the fresh-made tortillas and chips, melty queso fundito, and ceviche, to a variety of tacos (like the Heritage Duroc Pork Cheek Carnitas, Braised Short Rib Birria, 20-Hour Carne Asada, and Fried Maitake Mushroom) served on fresh house-made corn tortillas, guests are in for a treat! Don't forget to order a side of beans, cumin and tomato rice, pickled vegetables or guacamole. Open 11:30am to 9pm Monday through Saturday; closed Sunday. Takeout is available, and you can order online. They also offer catering for your next event. Be sure to stop by their new location in Hayden.

Spokane $-$$
10 N. Post St.
509.474.9618 | CochinitoTaqueria.com

DRY FLY DISTILLING

You can find Dry Fly on Riverside Avenue, just blocks from the Spokane River! Since 2007, Dry Fly Distilling has been producing high-quality, award-winning vodka, gin and whiskey, and more recently has added canned craft cocktails, with a variety of flavors to choose from. The first distillery in Washington state, the owners are committed to being 100 percent farm to bottle, supporting local farmers in the process. They invite you to stop by their 24,000-square-foot location, which features the distillery, tasting room, 70-seat restaurant with a state-of-the-art kitchen and bar, event space and gift shop. The menu offers delicious pizza, burgers, sandwiches and salads, as well as items like the Smoked Trout Dip , Gin Steamed Clams and Stewed Mussels. Dry Fly is proud to offer some of the finest craft cocktails in the region and offers retail bottle sales as well.

Spokane $$-$$$
1021 W. Riverside Ave.
509.489.2112 | DryFlyDistilling.com

EAST PAN ASIAN CUISINE

Northern Quest's contemporary take on classic dishes from across Asia, East Pan Asian Cuisine opened in 2022 and has been satisfying diners since day one. With a modern, fresh interpretation of Asian favorites, East is dishing up the area's best in authentic pan-Asian cuisine. Treat yourself to a tasty assortment of shareable options and inventive menu items that draw inspiration from your favorite Asian Pacific, Japanese, Thai, Chinese and Korean dishes. Open 11am daily.

Spokane $-$$
100 N. Hayford Rd.
509.481.2131 | NorthernQuest.com

EPIC SPORTS BAR

Sports fans and foodies alike will discover the ultimate sports bar experience at EPIC, located inside Northern Quest Resort & Casino. From nachos and buffalo wings to the perfect prime rib dip and massive burgers, this game-changing restaurant offers a full menu of upscale pub fare, plus craft beers and cocktails. And the venue's 30-foot LED HDTV means you'll never miss the big game. You can even get in on the action with live sports betting at the Turf Club Sports Book kiosk inside EPIC! Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, check out their website to view the menu, current specials and upcoming events.

Spokane $-$$$
100 N. Hayford Rd.
509.481.2389 | NorthernQuest.com

EL QUE

Opened behind the Elk Public House in 2001, El Que quickly became a loyal favorite, and continues to be more than two decades later, for traditional Mexican-style street food, inventive cocktails and house-made tequila infusions. The menu features items like Banana Leaf Tamales, the Wet Burrito and Chili Rellenos, and a variety of taco choices. Choose to accompany your meal with a delicious cocktail or beer. Open at 3pm daily.

Spokane $-$$
141 S. Cannon St.
509.624.5412 | WeDontHaveOne.com

THE ELK PUBLIC HOUSE

Spokane's not-so-secret neighborhood restaurant located in the heart of Historic Browne's Addition, The Elk Public House has been serving the community for more than two decades. On the menu, you'll find a great selection of fresh salads, soups, sandwiches and pastas, all made from scratch. They also offer a large selection of brews, wine by the glass and bottle, and original cocktails. Enjoy it all in the comfortable pub-style atmosphere. Open daily for lunch and dinner from 11am to late night, check out their website to view their menu and current specials. The Elk Public House patio is an ideal location for outdoor dining during the warmer months to just sit back, relax and enjoy a delicious meal and cold brew.

Spokane $-$$
1931 W. Pacific Ave.
509.363.1973 | WeDontHaveOne.com

LATAH CREEK WINERY AND GIFT SHOP

With a commitment to delight wine lovers with the best of Washington state while making their award-winning wines affordable, Latah Creek continues to deliver a unique experience with each and every bottle. Sample award-winning and reserve wines in their beautiful tasting room while browsing through one of the most unique gift shops in the area. The winery is open 9am to 5pm daily. And don't forget to join their WineClub!

Spokane Valley $-$$$
13030 E. Indiana Ave.
509.926.0164 | LatahCreek.com

HIGHBALL

This luxury lounge at Northern Quest Resort & Casino offers glitzy cocktails in a stunning setting. Located near the entrance to Pend Oreille Pavilion, Highball's swanky ambiance is complete with 43 sparkling crystal chandeliers, oversized booths, and DJ nights with a lively dance floor. For hours and upcoming entertainment happenings, visit their website.

Spokane $-$$$
100 N. Hayford Rd.
509.481.2389 | NorthernQuest.com

MASSELOW'S STEAKHOUSE

Fine dining at its best! It's time to take a culinary journey. Open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday, Masselow's Steakhouse at Northern Quest Resort & Casino features an impressive variety of prime-grade Midwestern steaks, fresh seafood and an expansive wine selection. Much like their wine list, all ingredients are personally sought, sourced and tasted to meet the chef's highest standards so that guests get only the best.

Spokane $$$
100 N. Hayford Rd.
509.481.6020 | Masselows.com

MAX AT MIRABEAU

Celebrating 20 years! Join MAX at Mirabeau for an unforgettable experience. Located in Spokane Valley, you'll be treated to eclectic cuisine, an award-winning menu with more than 100 items, a Wine Spectator award-winning wine list boasting more than 500 labels and 75 eclectic cocktails — a perfect match for everything on the menu. Enjoy two happy hours daily, a-la-carte brunch featuring multiple benedicts, mimosas, and the area's best Bloody Mary Bar! Open daily starting at 6am for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night dining, MAX at Mirabeau has made a name for itself as Spokane Valley's premier dining destination year after year. Seasonal outdoor dining available.

Spokane Valley $-$$$
1100 N. Sullivan Rd.
509.922.6252 | MAXatMirabeau.com

THE TWO SEVEN PUBLIC HOUSE

At Two Seven in Spokane, you will find a menu featuring fresh salads like the Southwestern Taco or Greek Chickpea; burgers, wraps and sandwiches (think Cuban Pork, Philly Cheese Steak, and Buffalo Chicken); and house specialties including the Pork Chop Marsala. They offer a great selection of microbrewed beers, wines by the glass and freshly squeezed juice cocktails to pair with your meal, all served up by a friendly and experienced staff in a comfortable pub-style atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner 11am daily until late night.

Spokane $-$$
2727 S. Mount Vernon St., Ste. 5
509.473.9766 | WeDontHaveOne.com

VIEUX CARRÉ NOLA KITCHEN

Vieux Carré brings the New Orleans experience to Spokane with authentic Cajun/Creole food combining elements of French and Spanish cuisine. With offerings such as crawfish, hush puppies, gumbo, jambalaya, bread pudding and beignets, Vieux Carré will ensure that you satiate your Cajun cravings while out with friends, family or that significant other. In addition to the food, they boast a robust cocktail, wine and beer menu complete with New Orleans classic cocktails like Mint Julep, Ramos Gin Fizz and, of course, The Vieux Carré! Open for lunch and dinner daily starting at 11am, with Sunday brunch starting at 9am.

Spokane $$-$$$
1403 W. Broadway Ave.
509.495.1400 | VieuxCarreSpokane.com

VERSALIA PIZZA

Enjoy delicious gourmet ultra-thin artisan-crust pizzas, made from dough that is prepared in-house daily, topped with the freshest and highest quality natural ingredients, as well as savory apps, soups and salads, with to-go items available. Pair your meal with a beer or wine (or tasty cocktail at Kendall Yards location only). You can find Versalia Pizza in Spokane's Kendall Yards and Liberty Lake's River District next to Orchard Park. Both locations offer outdoor dining.

Spokane & Liberty Lake $-$$
1333 W. Summit Pkwy | 509.389.0029
20760 E. Indiana Ave. | 509.290.5277
VersaliaPizza.com

WHIM WINE BAR

Whim Wine Bar is the perfect place to sit back and relax, with a glass of wine in hand. This locally owned wine bar, located in downtown Spokane's River Park Square, offers its guests, 21 and older, a large glass pour list featuring wines from around the world, plus cider and beer options. The full menu, which is available starting at noon daily, highlights thin-crust pizzas made with high-quality ingredients, charcuterie boards and more. Service is offered until 8pm Monday through Thursday, 10pm Friday and Saturday, and 7pm Sunday.

Spokane $$-$$$
808 W. Main Ave.
509.242.3945 | WhimWineBar.com

ANGELO'S RISTORANTÉ

Angelo's is the local favorite with a taste of homemade, authentic Italian cuisine! Join them for a fresh, organic, hand-crafted menu of veal, steak, chicken, seafood, pasta and gluten-free offerings, an extensive wine selection and warm romantic décor. Open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday from 4 to 9pm. Chef Angelo can also cater events both big and small.

Coeur d'Alene $$-$$$
846 N. Fourth St.
208.765.2850 | AngelosRistorante.net

THE CULINARY STONE

The Culinary Stone is as dedicated to providing quality products and professional cooking classes as it is to serving the community with a welcoming environment and one-of-a-kind experience. Open daily in Coeur d'Alene's Riverstone Neighborhood, you are invited to savor The Culinary Stone's delicious menu from the Marketplace with sandwiches, salads, locally produced coffee and handmade pastries. Shop a wide selection of gourmet foods, kitchen tools, pots and pans, cutlery, small appliances and more top-of-the-line products. You can also enjoy expertly curated wines by the bottle or glass, craft beer and wine cocktails — served to you in the Marketplace or out on the expansive patio.

Coeur d'Alene $-$$
2129 N. Main St.
208.277.4116 | CulinaryStone.com

THE BLUEBIRD - A MIDTOWN EATERY

At this eclectic Northwest bistro in Coeur d'Alene's midtown, high-quality ingredients and locally sourced products are used in every dish. The menu is unique, enticing and delicious, from the Shrimp & Grits, Cioppino and Cougar Gold Mac-N-Cheese to the Fried Chicken, Duck, and the Tomahawk, plus a variety of specialty appetizers (like the Tater Tot Poutine, Baked Clams, and Cheese & Charcuterie Plate) and salads (Smoked Caesar, Iceberg Wedge, Radicchio and more), with weekly and seasonal specials. Open for lunch, happy hour and dinner Tuesday through Saturday (all-day happy hour Saturday), be sure to visit their website for current hours and menus.

Coeur d'Alene $$
816 N. Fourth St.
208.665.3777 | MidtownBluebird.com

COCHINITO TAQUERIA

A Spokane favorite, Cochinito Taqueria opened their second location in Hayden in spring of 2023! Here, guests will be treated to the same fresh and delicious cuisine as its sister location (like Charred Spanish Octopus, 20-Hour Carne Asada, and Beef Short Rib Birria). Dishes are created using fine-dining techniques paired with locally and responsibly sourced seasonal ingredients. Served up in a casual atmosphere, don't forget the thoughtfully selected cervezas and full bar featuring the region's best margarita (Inlander Readers poll). Whether you choose to dine in or take out (online ordering available), the food will impress. And they cater too! Open 11:30am to 9pm Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 9pm Saturday and Sunday (with brunch served 10am to 2pm).

Hayden $-$$
9426 N. Government Way
208.518.1517 | CochinitoTaqueria.com

MOON TIME

Established in 1996, Moon Time quickly became a favorite among locals and tourists alike. Open daily and serving some of the best food around in a comfortable pub-style atmosphere, you'll want to visit as often as possible. The menu offers soups, sandwiches, pastas, salads and other specialties prepared from scratch daily, along with a fantastic selection of micro-brewed beers and fine wines by the glass and bottle. You're invited to take a seat for lunch, dinner and late-night dining daily starting at 11am. For more information, including menu and specials, visit their website.

Coeur d'Alene $-$$
1602 E. Sherman Ave., Ste. 116
208.667.2331 | WeDontHaveOne.com

THE PORCH PUBLIC HOUSE

A beautiful golf-course view without the cost of joining the country club makes The Porch an ideal setting for a delicious meal any time of year. They offer a full menu of sandwiches, salads, soups and specialties prepared from scratch without the high price of fine dining, and the region's finest cocktails, microbrews and wines to accompany your meal. Feel at home in the comfortable pub-style dining room or the fantastic outdoor dining area during the warmer months. Open daily year-round, The Porch keeps the kitchen cooking up delicious food late every night. For more information including specials, menu, photos and directions, please visit their website.

Coeur d'Alene $-$$
1602 E. Sherman Ave., Ste. 116
208.667.2331 | WeDontHaveOne.com

THE SNAKE PIT

Built in 1880, The Snake Pit, in Enaville, is Idaho's oldest restaurant. Earlier this year, Viljo and Autumn Basso, owners of Coeur d'Alene restaurants Syringa and The Bluebird, took ownership of this historical establishment. Offering visitors lunch and dinner daily, they're serving up Snake Pit favorites but putting their own twist on them, from starters like the favorite Rocky Mountain Oysters the restaurant is famed for, to the burgers, steaks, seafood and much more! And don't forget to stop in for Sunday brunch! Pair your meal with a cold beer or glass of wine, or a cocktail from the full bar. Located near Kellogg and Wallace, Idaho, and just a few minutes east of Coeur d'Alene, it's worth the drive to see what they're dishing up.

Enaville $-$$
1480 Coeur d'Alene River Rd.
208.682.3453 | SnakePitIdaho.com

SWEET LOU'S RESTAURANT AND TAP HOUSE

American fare is what you'll be treated to at Sweet Lou's in downtown Coeur d'Alene. Try the ribs (pork or bison) that are smoked in-house, and choose from a variety of burgers made from freshly ground top sirloin and topped with decadent eats such as smoked pulled pork, hand-battered onion rings or fresh jalapeños. And … they now proudly offer a full bar! Come hungry, stay late, eat well. Open 11am to 10pm daily, they also offer delivery in Coeur d'Alene. In addition to its Coeur d'Alene location, you can find Sweet Lou's in Athol and Ponderay.

Coeur d'Alene $-$$
601 E. Front Ave., Ste. 101
208.667.1170 | SweetLousIdaho.com

SYRINGA JAPANESE CAFÉ + SUSHI BAR

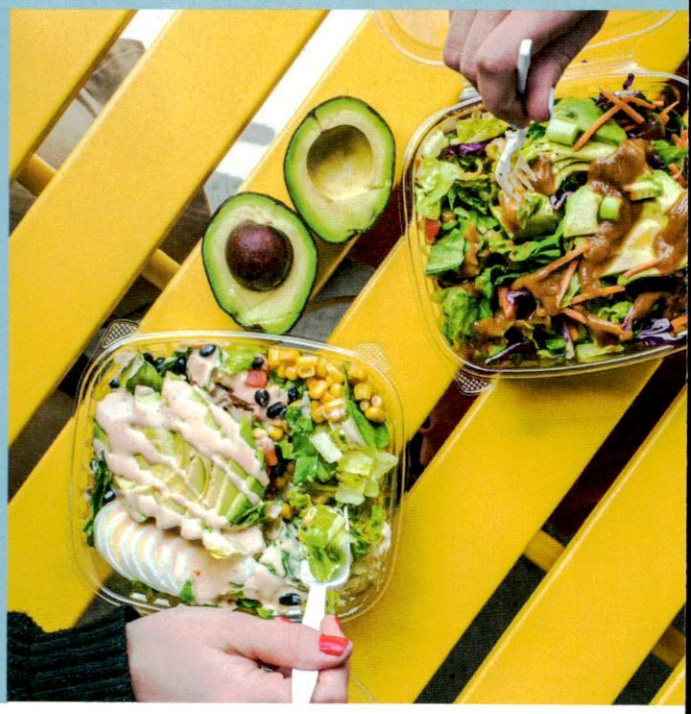
A longtime Coeur d'Alene favorite, take a seat at Syringa, located on the corner of Fourth Street and Spruce Avenue in midtown. Using organic produce, choice meats and wild seafood whenever available (and no MSG), enjoy sushi, Japanese entrées like Syringa favorites Ramen, Bentos, Chilean Sea Bass, Sushi and Sashimi assortments, plus salads and soups. Syringa hits the spot for lunch or dinner, no matter the occasion. Open Tuesday through Saturday, with seasonal dining out on the patio. For current hours and menu, visit their website.

Coeur d'Alene $$-$$$
1710 N. Fourth St.
208.664.2718 | SyringaSushi.com

THE WELLNESS BAR

Bringing the sunshine to North Idaho, The Wellness Bar believes healthy food equals happy people. From cold-pressed juices, smoothies, and avocado toast bar, to acai bowls, salads and seasonal specials, their options are not only healthy but delicious! You can also order one of their Wellness Juice Cleanses, with the option of one-, two- and three-day cleanses available. Offering three locations in Coeur d'Alene, you can also find The Wellness Bar at their Post Falls and Hayden locations. Visit their website for hours and to view the menu. Online ordering and delivery available as well!

Coeur d'Alene $-$$
312 N. Fourth St.
271 E. Appleway Ave., Ste. 101
2133 Main St. in Riverstone
NIWellnessBar.com



SWEET LOU'S RESTAURANT AND TAP HOUSE

Located just north of Silverwood Theme Park, Sweet Lou's in Athol is the place to be for lunch and dinner with the entire family. Enjoy an American-fare experience with fresh ingredients and creative twists. There's something for everyone on the menu. Sweet Lou's restaurants are also located in Ponderay and downtown Coeur d'Alene.

Athol $-$$
6915 E Athol Crossing Road
208.561.9496 | SweetLousIdaho.com

VICINO PIZZA

This Neapolitan-style wood-fired pizzeria in Coeur d'Alene's Riverstone Neighborhood offers a creative and delicious selection of pizzas; small plates like house-made meatballs, fried calamari and focaccia; and an assortment of house-made salads and desserts. Complete your meal with a glass of wine from the beautiful wine list or a cold craft brew. Open daily for lunch and dinner for dine-in or takeout, with seasonal outside dining available.

Coeur d'Alene $$-$$$
2385 N. Old Mill Loop
208.758.7997 | VicinoPizza.com

VINE & OLIVE EATERY AND WINE BAR

Located in Coeur d'Alene's Riverstone Neighborhood, guests will be treated to the extraordinary, with a menu comprised of European-inspired small plates using simple, seasonal ingredients for simply good food served with soul, executed with Northwest flair. Make a selection from the full wine bar, which serves thoughtful wines by the glass and eight local brews on tap, to complement your meal. For reservations, call or reserve your table online.

Coeur d'Alene $$-$$$
2037 N. Main St.
208.758.7770 | VineandOliveCdA.com

113 MAIN

113 Main's cuisine exudes modern scratch American. Everything is made in-house from the pasta and gnocchi down to the beef, vegetable and chicken stocks. Fresh, in-season vegetables and proteins allow diners to enjoy a menu that changes with the season and the opportunity to try new dishes. In addition to the beautiful menu is the full-service bar, where 113's bartenders have created amazing handcrafted cocktails with fresh fruits, house-made simple syrups, fresh squeezed juices, and various garnishes from candied blood oranges to edible flowers. Open 3 to 10pm daily for happy hour and dinner.

Sandpoint $$-$$$
113 Main St.
208.946.5309 | 113MainSandpoint.com

219 LOUNGE

Sandpoint's hometown bar for more than 80 years, you'll find a friendly atmosphere with folks from all walks of life at the "Niner." You'll be treated to exceptionally skilled bartenders serving up classic cocktails, 20 craft beers on tap and a unique wine list at this full-service bar. While there, unwind with entertainment including pool, foosball, live music and more!

Sandpoint $-$$
219 N. First Ave.
208.263.5673 | 219.bar

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Priest Lake $$-$$$
404 Elkins Rd.
208.443.2432 | ElkinsResort.com/dining

JALAPEÑOS

For the past three decades, Jalapeños has prided itself on being Sandpoint's casual neighborhood Mexican restaurant; the perfect place for families and friends to gather and enjoy a great meal at wonderful prices while supporting a longtime locally owned business. Whether you choose the 7B Nachos or Street Tacos, Deep Fried Avocado, Beer-Battered Fish Taco, Chili Verde, or Spinach Enchiladas (or any of their other delicious menu items), you can't go wrong. You may want to opt for a combo platter. Complement your meal with a drink from the full bar.

Sandpoint $-$$
314 N. Second Ave.
208.263.2995 | SandpointJalapenos.com

SWEET LOU'S RESTAURANT & BAR

Enjoy home-style comfort food made with high-quality ingredients at Sweet Lou's. You'll be treated to amazing burgers, beer-battered onion rings, hand-cut top sirloin and more, including the crowd favorite—Grilled PB&J with locally made huckleberry jam and bacon. There is also a full bar featuring more than a dozen draft beers. And don't forget … 20 4K TVs are onsite for watching the game! Open daily for lunch, dinner and drinks from 11am to 10pm, with online ordering available. Check out Sweet Lou's Coeur d'Alene and Athol locations as well.

Ponderay $-$$
477272 Highway 95
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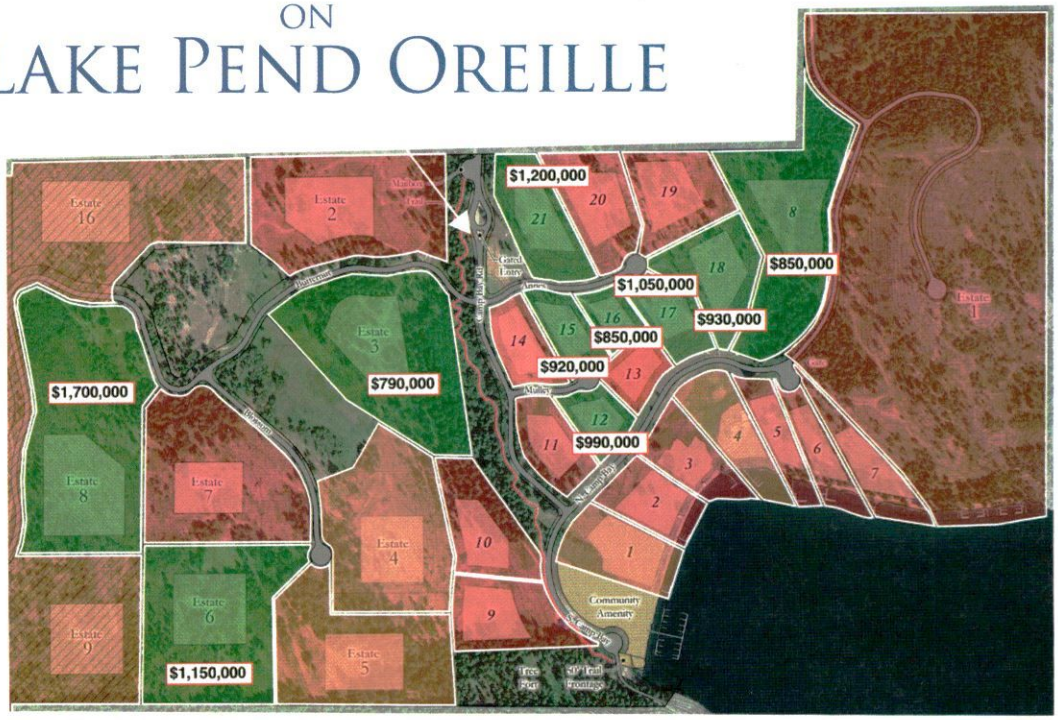

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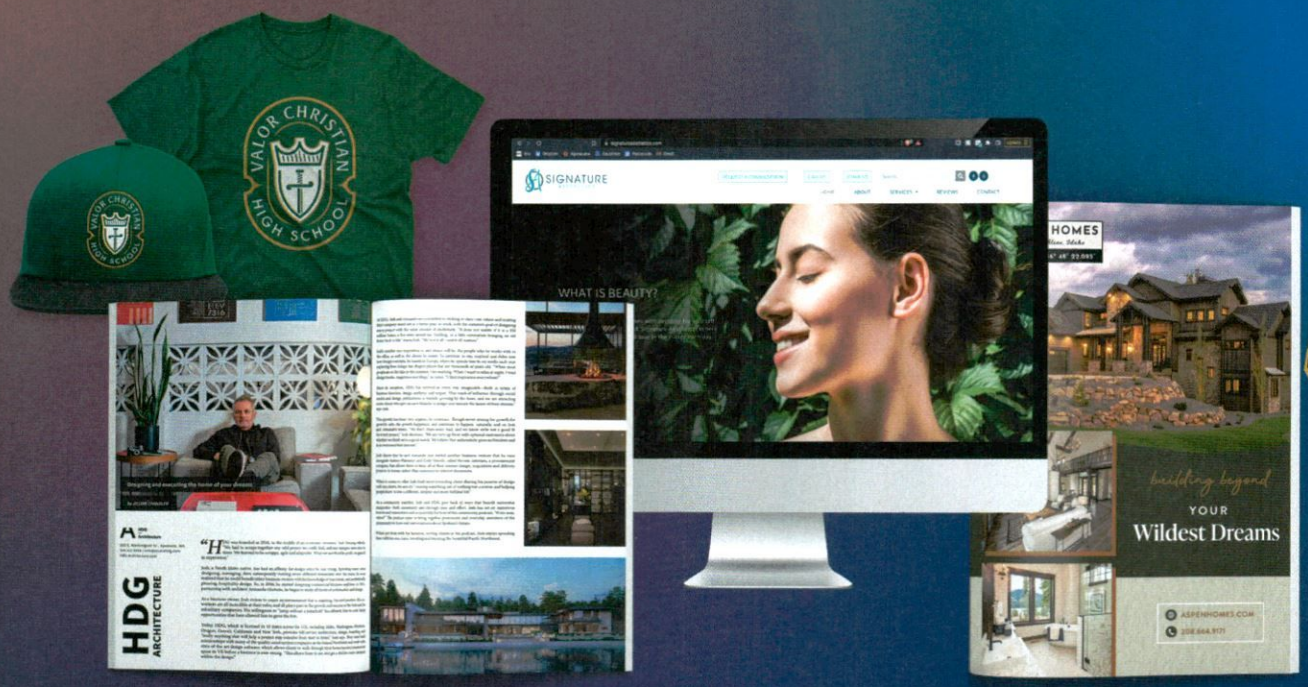

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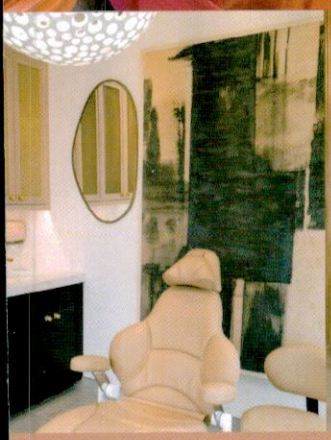

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